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Hon. James Pollock — February 3d 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 27th ult: I have to say, that steps are now being taken to secure a further supply of bullion for coinage at your Mint. In the meantime, and until further instructed, you will confine the subsidiary silver coinage to Dimes.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Feby 3d 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir;

Please forward Statement of Coinage, executed during the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent — Feb. 3d 1876.

U. S. Assay Office
New York.

State by telegraph amount of Gold Coin, Gold Bullion, Silver Coin and Silver Bullion respectively in your Bullion Fund at the close of business twenty-fifth ultimo.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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O. H. LaFrange, Esq. February 3. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The Official Bonds of the following employés of your Mint have been approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to the First Comptroller for file in that office, viz:

Horace Beach — — Cashier.
Hugh Chalmers — Receipt Clerk.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, Feby 3. 1876.
San Francisco.

State in dollars the amount of gold bullion, silver bullion, gold coin and silver coin respectively, composing your bullion fund on the twenty-fifth ult.o, also the amount of charges and profits not deposited.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint.
Carson, Nevada.

Geo. W. McClure, Esq. Feb. 3. 1876.
Denver Col. Ty.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 29th ult.o I have to state that so far as my knowledge extends, no charges have been preferred against Mr. Schirmer, Supt of the Mint in your City.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Telegram. Nevada Bank of San Francisco — Feb. 3rd, 1876.

San Francisco.

Your offer to sell and deliver at the Philadelphia Mint, Five Hundred Thousand ounces fine silver bars, at one hundred nineteen and one quarter cents gold per ounce fine, approximate value to be paid by Superintendent of Philadelphia Mint on delivery, final settlement after melt and assay, is accepted. When will you commence shipment.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

M. H. Marsten, Esq. — February 3, 1876.

Cash'r Nevada Bank,

San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day, viz:

"Your offer to sell and deliver at the Philadelphia Mint, Five Hundred Thousand ounces fine silver bars at one hundred nineteen and one quarter cents gold per ounce fine, approximate value to be paid by Superintendent at Philadelphia Mint on delivery, final settlement after melt and assay, is accepted. When will you commence shipment."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr, February 3d 1876.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen;

Enclosed herewith find copy of telegram received from the Acting Superintendent of the Carson Mint, giving the dimensions of Steel rolls required for rolling room.

Please inform me the price at which you will furnish the same.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor Feby 3d 1876.
1st Comptroller.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your office, the Official Bonds of the following employés of the U. S. Mint, at San Francisco:

Horace Beach — Cashier.
Hugh Chalmers — Receipt Clerk.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. Feby 3d 1876.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir;

I return herewith for the signature of Assayer, Gold Bullion Receipt, No. 19, belonging to your Bullion Accounts for the Third Quarter 1875.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — February 4th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir,

The President has this day designated Prof. Robert Peter of Lexington, Ky, as an Assay Commissioner in the place of Dr. T. S. Bell of Louisville, Ky., declined.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Feby 4th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst., enclosing Statement of old material sold during the six months ending December 31st 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Feby 4th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letters of the 3d transmitting certificate of deposits for Profits on Silver Coinage, amounting to $136.660.02, and parting & other charges to $1.173.74 are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lafgrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

February 4th 1876.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 25th ult, enclosing the Official Bond of Edward S. Gaver, as Abstract Clerk in your Mint, the same is herewith returned.

The Bond is not complete in that the certificate of a District Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record as to the sufficiency of the sureties named, and who have signed the Bond, does not accompany it.

The amount of the Bond is not considered sufficient and you will please instruct Mr. Gaver to execute a Bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, on the Blank Form herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafgrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

February 4th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th ult, transmitting detailed Statement of Silver purchased under authority given November 10th 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Professor Robert Peter — February 4th 1876.

Lexington Ky.

The President has appointed you as one of the Commissioners to test the coinage of the United States. Commission meets at Philadelphia Mint next Wednesday ninth instant at ten o'clock A. M. Please signify your acceptance by Telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Prof. Robert Peter — Feby 4th 1876.

Lexington, Ky.

Sir;

Under the provisions of the 48th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, the President has designated you as a Commissioner to examine and test the coins reserved at the several mints during the year 1875.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint in Philadelphia, on Wednesday next, the ninth inst, and probably be in session for two or three days.

Your necessary expenses, while in the performance of the duty assigned you, will be paid by the Philadelphia Mint, at the close of the Assay.

Please notify me of your acceptance of the appointment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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February 4th 1876.

M. J. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of $767.55 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	— 1876 —	$278.80
Wages of Workmen	" —	238.75
Contingent Expenses	" —	250.—

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Feby 4th 1876.

M. J. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense A/c for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Feby 4th 1876.

A. M. Henaday, Esq.
525 Sixth St.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Supt. of the Philad^a Mint, relative to the time required to strike 2500 copies of the badge for the Association of Veterans of the Mexican War.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. February 4th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir;

I will thank you to state by telegraph the amount of charges and profitt on hand at the close of business on the 25th ult., also the fractions due on impaired deposits at that date.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent U. S. Assay Office February 4th 1876.
New York.

State by telegraph amount due depositors for gold and silver bullion respectively at the close of business twenty fifth ultimo.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent U. S. Assay Office February 4th 1876.
New York.

Statement must be exact. You do not give fractions. Difference of seventy four cents between Treasury and your Statement. Answer by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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February 5th 1876.

Albert Wolters Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction, your Bullion A/cs for the Third Quarter, 1875. You will perceive that I have made the necessary changes in your statements in pencil, checking the amounts which were correct, and in some cases changing the entire account.

You will please prepare new accounts in exact accordance with the ones herewith returned as corrected.

Your accounts as submitted showed a false Balance of $694.42. You can of course have no balance but the amount of your Bullion Fund and the deductions for charges not transferred to the Treasury, and as the former remains unchanged ($500.) and you claimed to have deposited with the Asst. Treasurer all your deductions except for the Third Quarter, your Balance must have consisted of this latter (65.76) and your Bullion Fund ($500.) making $565.76.

You also failed to credit "Gold & Silver Bullion A/c" with the amount of the deductions of former quarters transferred to "Stamped Bar A/c" and paid into the Treasury of the U. S.

You also failed to Dr. "Stamped Bar A/c" with the same amount, thereby showing in your Statement an apparent deficit in that Account of $128.66 – Hereafter you will please endeavor to state your accounts in accordance with the instructions and corrections herewith furnished you.

As the corrections made in your

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Qs for the Third Quarter will involve a change in the Balances - taken up in your Qs for the Fourth Quarter, 1875, the latter are also returned.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — February 5th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. transmitting certificate of deposit for $400.- on account of Profits on Medals, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Bluford Wilson, Esq. — Feby 7th 1876.
Solicitor of the Treasury.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit for examination and certificate, the Official Bonds of the following employés of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, and Assay Office at New York, viz:

Edward Wheaton, — Book-keeper.
Jno. T. Kent — Asst. Weigh Clerk.
H. B. Kelsey — Calculator.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow,
Secretary of Treasury.

February 7th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend for your consideration and such action as you may deem appropriate, the repeal of so much of Section 15 of the Coinage Act of 1873 as makes the Trade Dollar a legal tender at its nominal value for any amount not exceeding five dollars in any one payment.

When the issue of this coin was first proposed, it was not intended to be a coin for circulation in the United States, or legal tender in payment of debts, but simply an Agent in our commerce with foreign countries, particularly China. It appears to have been inadvertently made a legal tender, by being incorporated in the Section of the Coinage Act, prescribing the weight and legal tender of the small silver coins.

At the time of the issue of the Trade Dollar (1873) its bullion value was slightly more than its tale value, and no inconvenience was experienced until since the marked decline, which has taken place in the value of silver. Its bullion value is now about 94 cents in gold. Adding to this the cost of coinage, 1¼ per cent on its nominal value, gives to the depositor for Trade Dollars a profit of 4¾ per cent, provided he is able to use it at par. In consequence of this margin of profit, the tendency on the Pacific Coast, where the business is conducted on a gold basis, is, to force the Trade Dollar into circulation, and being at a discount as against gold, inconvenience in retail transactions is

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experienced. Moreover, it conflicts with the sound principle, that wherever an overvalued coin circulates as money by reason of its legal-tender power, the seigniorage or difference between its bullion and nominal value should be realized by the Government, and not by individuals.

Under existing laws, deposits for Trade Dollars may be made without limit, the depositor paying the expense of coinage, while all other Silver coins are fabricated exclusively on Government Account.

The purpose for which the Trade Dollar was authorized, would not be interfered with, if the provision of law making it a legal tender, should be repealed, and it is believed that such repeal would prevent any complication in future with our monetary system, as the coin would not differ in any respect from a stamped bar, except in being of uniform weight and fineness, and of form for convenient use. #

If a silver dollar should be deemed necessary as a coin of circulation, it should be made of the same standard as the present silver coins of less denomination, and coined and issued exclusively on Government account. There can be no objection to the issue of such a coin. On the contrary, it would be productive of some advantages.

I enclose for your consideration, a draft of a bill, which if enacted into a law, will confine the Trade Dollar to the purposes originally intended, and give a dollar of circulation of the same

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standard as the present Half and Quarter Dollar, Twenty-Cent piece and Dime, and a legal tender to the amount of ten dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A Bill to repeal the legal tender power of the Trade Dollar, and to authorize the coinage of a Dollar of Silver of the weight of three hundred and eighty five, and eight tenth grains, troy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all acts and parts of Acts, making the Trade Dollar a legal tender, be and are hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. That there shall be, from time to time, coined at and issued by the mints of the United States, conformably in all respects to the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873, a coin of silver of the denomination of one dollar, and of the weight of three hundred and eighty-five, and eight tenth grains troy, and such coin shall be a legal tender at its nominal value for any amount not exceeding ten dollars in any one payment.

Sect. 3. That in adjusting the weight of the Dollar, the deviation from the standard weight, shall not exceed one and one half grains; and in weighing a large number of pieces together, when delivered by the Coiner to the Superintendent, and by the Superintendent to the depositor, the deviation from the standard weight shall not exceed two hundredths of an ounce in one thousand dollars; and the

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devices and inscriptions on the Dollar authorized by this act, shall conform to those prescribed for the coins of the United States, but such modifications shall be made, as may be necessary to render it readily distinguishable from the Trade Dollar.

Frederick Eckfeldt, Esq. February 7th 1876.

Sir:

In addition to the duties heretofore assigned you in connection with your examination of the Mints of the U. S. at San Francisco, Carson, and Denver, you will make an Inventory of all Public Property at each mint and forward the same to this Office.

You are also instructed to make an investigation and inquiry as to the rate paid for skilled and ordinary labor by private parties, at San Francisco and Carson, for the purpose of comparison with the price paid for such labor by the Mints in said cities. For this purpose you will visit and make inquiries at various manufacturing establishments in both places.

Upon your return you will submit a report giving the results of your inquiries on this subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lafrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

February 7th 1876.

Sir:

Mr. Frederick Eckfeldt of this Office having been instructed to visit and examine the condition and workings of the Mints at San Francisco, and Carson, you are hereby authorized and directed upon presentation of proper vouchers to pay the amount of his bill for expenses from Washington to Philadelphia and while at Philadelphia, and from Philadelphia to San Francisco, and while at San Francisco, and charge the amount in your account of expenses of Subsidiary Silver Coinage, referring to this letter as your authority for so doing.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Feby 7th 1876.

Sir:

Mr. Frederick Eckfeldt of this Office having been instructed to visit and examine the condition and workings of the Mint at San Francisco and Carson, you are hereby authorized and directed upon presentation of proper vouchers to pay the amount of his account for rail-road fare and expenses from San Francisco, to and while at Carson, and rail-road fare from Carson to Washington, and charge the amount in your account of Ordinary Expenses, referring to this letter as your authority for so doing.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director

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F. H. Gassaway, Esq.
San Francisco.

February 7th 1876.

Sir:

I have repeatedly requested you to furnish an Inventory of the Public Property in the San Francisco Mint, which you undertook to make during the latter part of the last fiscal year, and for which service you have been paid. As you have failed to answer my letters I have taken steps to have the Inventory made.

When I saw you in San Francisco, in July last, it was understood that you were to make an Inventory of the Public Property in the Mints at Carson, Nev. and Denver, Col., on your way home. The authority heretofore given you for this purpose is hereby revoked, and the Superintendents notified accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco. Cal.

February 7th 1876.

Sir:

The authority heretofore given F. H. Gassaway to visit and take an Inventory of the Public Property at your Mint, has this day been revoked.

Fred. Eckfeldt, Esq. of this Office has been instructed to perform the said duties.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq. February 7th 1876.
Superintendent, &c.
Carson, Nev.

Sir,

The authority heretofore given J. H. Garraway to visit and take an Inventory of the Public Property at your Mint has this day been revoked.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to,
J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
Denver, Col.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. February 7th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir;

I enclose herewith a communication addressed to J. H. Garraway, which I will thank you to cause to be delivered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Feby 7th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Official Bond of Ed. Wheaton, Book-keeper, at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

February 7th 1876.

Sir;

Your letter of the 28th ult.o transmitting Statement showing the amount of Charges reserved for refining at your Mint from August 24th to December 31st 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. J. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

February 7th 1876.

Sir;

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., for adjustment, your Ordinary Expenses &c for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahony
1st Auditor.

February 7th 1876.

Sir;

I hand you herewith the Ordinary Expenses &c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Saml. J. Randall,
Chairman Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives.

February 7th 1876.

Sir:

During the hearing given me on Saturday last, a member of your Committee (Judge Holman I think) requested a statement which would exhibit respectively the amounts derived by the Mints from charges on deposits, Profits on minor and Silver Coinage for the six months ending December 31st 1875, also a statement showing the Coinage executed during the last seven months. The total charges collected are stated at $197.343.27. Profits on minor Coinage $31.750.02. Profits on Silver Coinage $732.972.77, making the total charges and Profits $962.066.06.

In addition to the bullion operated upon for depositors, there has been operated upon, on account of the United States, silver bullion containing gold, - to the amount of $4700.000., which had it been minted for depositors would have given additional charges of about $46.000. This bullion was purchased at a price sufficiently below the market rate for pure silver to more than cover the expense of parting. It was as a matter of economy distributed between the Mints at San Francisco, Carson, Philadelphia, and the Assay Office, New York.

I embrace this opportunity for fear it will escape your attention, to remind you of the necessity of changing the second class ($1400.) Clerkship in this Office to that of Assay Clerk, at say $2.500. per annum, which must be filled by a person

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thoroughly familiar with Assaying and Metallurgy. I deem the services of such a person absolutely requisite for the proper conduct of the business of this Office.

I take the liberty of urging upon the Committee to place the salaries of the Computer of Bullion, and the Examiner on an equality, with whatever compensation may be finally fixed for the principal clerks of the Treasury Dept. Justice not less than a proper regard for the efficiency of this Bureau, and the Mints and Assay Offices requires that this should be done.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Co,
Philadelphia.

February 7th 1876.

Gentlemen;

You will manufacture and ship as early as practicable to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev., Two (2) sets Steel rolls, for the Rolling Room of that Mint, at the price ($2000.) stated in your letter of the 4th inst, and transmit your bill with Bill Lading in duplicate to this office for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Feby 7th 1876.

Sir;

You are hereby instructed, as soon as 500 of the badges and cross bars for the Association of Mexican Veterans, are completed, to forward the same with the bill to this office, and to pursue the same course with each successive 500 medals and cross bars, until the order is filled.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Feby 7th 1876.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., in relation to a set of Navy revolvers necessary for the proper guarding of your institution, I have to say that my own judgment is that the better plan will be to purchase a dozen, - or as many as may be necessary, instead of asking for a loan of them; we can purchase them at the contract price probably. The matter will be a subject of future communication.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — February 7th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your communication of the 5th inst., forwarding duplicate Statement of Silver Bullion, received from the U. S. Mint at Carson, in the Third Quarter, 1875.

The same have been referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., to be made a part of your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ended September 30th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — Feby 7th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your letter of the 5th inst, enclosing certificate of deposit for $100. on account of Profits on medals, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. W. Kremmer, Esq. — February 7th 1876.

710 Market St, Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to call and see me at the Mint in your City at 12 o'clock on Wednesday next 9th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

February 7th 1876.

Sir;

I have received the Official Bonds of the following persons employed in your Office, viz:

H. B. Kelsey — Ass't. Calculation Clerk.
Jno. J. Kent — " Weigh Clerk.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Feby 7th 1876.

Sir;

Your letter of the 5th inst, transmitting itemized statement of the Bullion Fund of your Office, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Feby 7th 1876.

Sir;

I have received the Official oaths of the following persons employed in your Mint, viz:

Milo H. Slater — Chief Clerk.
Richard Holme — Calculation "
Jno. B. Cromwell — Assistant.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. John Sherman

Chairman, Committee on Finance
U. S. Senate.

February 7th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a draft of a Bill repealing so much of section 15, of the Coinage Act of 1873, as makes the Trade Dollar a legal tender, and also authorizing the coinage and issue of a silver dollar of the same standard as the present subsidiary silver coin.

Your attention is invited to a communication from the Director of the Mint, herewith transmitted, in which the reasons for the proposed measure are fully set forth, and from which it would appear that such legislation is called for by the public interests.

Very respectfully
B. H. Bristow
Secretary.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

February 7th 1876.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit a "Statement of Bullion received from the U. S. Mint at Carson City, during the Third Quarter, 1875;" to be made a part of the Bullion Accounts of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philad.a for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Owing to the frequent calls for information by Congress, I have to request, that you will keep your accounts in such condition as to be able to give without delay, an itemized statement of the assets and liabilities of your Mint at close of business on any given day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
New York.

Feby 8th 1876.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to advise you that Bill of Fairbanks & Co. of New York, for one Iron Pound Letter Balance furnished your Mint, amounting to six dollars, has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for payment from your Contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

February 5th 1876.

Sir:

With the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, I purchased on the 3d inst, from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, five hundred thousand (500.000) ounces in fine silver bars at the rate of 1.19¼ per ounce fine, deliverable at your Mint free of all Charges, the approximate value to be paid by you in gold coin, on delivery, final settlement to be made on your Melt and Assay. No melting charge will be made.

It is probable that these bars will bear the stamp of the old dollar valuation, which, being in excess of the purchasing rate, must be considered in the payment of the approximate value.

Shipment of these bars was to be commenced on the removal of the Pacific blockade, and a portion of the same may be expected to arrive at an early day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

Feb. 8th 1876.

Sir:

As I shall be absent from the City for a few days attending the Annual Assay at the Philadelphia Mint, I have the honor to request that you will designate Mr. R. E. Preston (of this Office) to act as Director during my absence, pursuant to the ninth section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — February 8th, 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Acct for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Joseph Wharton, — Feb. 8th, 1876.
Care, U. S. Treasury
Philad'a. Pa.

The President has appointed you a Commissioner to test the coinage. Commission meets at Mint in your City ten A. M. tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Joseph Wharton, Esq. — Feb. 8th, 1876.
P. O. Box Philad'a Pa.

Sir:

The President has this day designated you as an Assay Commissioner to test the reserved coins of 1875. The Commission will meet at the Mint on the 8th inst, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

February 8th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I transmit herewith bill of Messrs. Sutton & Co. for freight &c. on 177 Bbls. Mint Sweeps from San Francisco per ship Genl. McClellan, which I will thank you as heretofore requested to take charge of, and see that the number of Bbls called for are delivered by the vessels, after which you will approve the bill of Sutton & Co., and transmit the same to this office for settlement.

The details of the arrangements for the disposal of these sweeps are left entirely with you.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Messrs. Sutton & Co.

February 8th 1876.

New York.

Gentlemen:

I have authorized and directed the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office in your City to take charge of the 177 Barrels Mint Sweeps from San Francisco, per the Genl. McClellan, and to receipt to you for the same.

It will be necessary for the Supt. of the Assay Office to approve your bill for freight &c., and forward the same to this Office for settlement, and I have transmitted it to him for that purpose.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Actg Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

February 9th, 1876.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the First Auditor for examination and settlement, the bill of the Treasury Dept. for stationery furnished your Mint, amounting to $473.30 - payment of which is to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

February 9th, 1876.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States, in your favor for the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars ($18,750) on account of the coinage of silver, for the redemption of fractional currency during the current month.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. &c. San Francisco.

Feby 9th, 1876.

Sir:

Yours of the 29th ult. relative to Blank Requisitions for funds, is received. I send you by this day's mail twenty-four of the Blanks required.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston Act'g Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. February 9th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $27.547.—
from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — —	1876 — — —	$2.047.—
Wages of Workmen —	" — —	22.500.—
Contingent Expenses —	" — —	3.000.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. February 9th 1876.
Supt. &c.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Yours of the 29th ult., relative to Blank Requisitions for funds, is received. I send you by this day's mail, twenty four of the Blanks required.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, Feby 9th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

February 9th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult., enclosing certificates of deposit for amounts realized from the sale of old materials and by-products, from January 1st 1874 to December 31st 1875, amounting in the aggregate to $36.933.60, in coin, is received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. &c. Carson, Nev.

February 9th 1876.

Sir,

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor, for the sum of eight thousand dollars, $8.000, on account of the coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency, during the current month.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

February 9th 1876.

Sir,

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expenses &c, for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 9th. 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of James Crawford, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, for the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8000.) on account of the "Coinage of Silver for redemption of fractional currency", as provided in "an Act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved January 14th. 1875.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary Treasury.

Feb'y 9th. 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of O. H. LaGrange, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, for the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars ($18.750.) on account of the "Coinage of Silver for redemption of fractional currency" during the current month as provided in "An Act to provide for the resumption of specie payments" approved January 14th. 1875.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

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Hon. Montgomery Blair
1651. Penna. Ave.

February 9th 1876.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Mr. Wm. Lockhart, of Baltimore Md., has been appointed Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Department of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, at a compensation of $3.00 per diem, to take effect on the 15th inst.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Actg Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Denver, Col.

Febry 9th 1876.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the 1st Auditor for examination and settlement, the bill of the Treasury Dept., for stationery furnished your Mint amounting to $3.06, payment of which is to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

T. R. Hofer, Esq.
Actg Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

February 10th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst., transmitting statement of Subsidiary Silver Coins, exchanged at par for gold coin, during the month of January 1876, is rec'd.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

February 10th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $15,650 from the following Appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876		$2,050
Wages of Workmen	"		7,000
Contingent Expenses	"		6,600

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

J. R. Hofer, Esq.
Act'g Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Feby 10th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst, enclosing corrected statement of coins of 1875, reserved at your Mint for the Annual Assay, is received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Telegram

U. R. Linderman
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Feby 10th 1876.

London quotation for silver, fifty-four and a half pence.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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O. H. Larrabee, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

February 10th 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith the press copy of your telegram of the 3d ult., relative to the purchase of fifteen tons of copper. Investigation showed the error to have been made by the Telegraph Company.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

O. H. Larrabee, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

February 10th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Manuel Eissler, Workman in the Assayer's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Frank W. Gross, Esq.
Act'g Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

February 10th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult., stating the result of the examination and count of all the moneys on hand at your Mint, at that date, is received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Act'g Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent, February 11th 1876.
San Francisco Mint
State by telegraph separately the amount of Regular and Subsidiary Coinage pay-rolls and amount of Contingent Expenses for January.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

F. W. Scott, Esq. Feby 11th 1876.
Actg Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.
Sir:
The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:
"State by telegraph separately the amount of Regular and Subsidiary Coinage pay-rolls, and amount of Contingent Expenses for January."
Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Actg Superintendent Mint February 11th 1876.
San Francisco, Cal.
Assistant Treasury instructed by telegraph to pay ordinary draft for January.
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Telegram. Actg Supt. Mint Feby 11th 1876.
San Francisco.
Sir:
The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:
"Assistant Treasurer instructed by telegraph to pay ordinary draft for January."
Very respectfully
R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

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J. R. Hofer, Esq.

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Actg Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst., enclosing Statement of special test coins received from the deliveries of the Coiner during the month of January 1876, and transmitted to the Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco, is received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

J. R. Hofer, Esq.

February 11th 1876.

Actg Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst, transmitting Melters and Refiners Statements of gold & silver operated upon during the month of January 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Actg Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

Feby 11th 1876.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadª, for the month of January 1876.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — February 11th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense account for the month of January 1876.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

A. Wolters, Esq. — Feby 11th 1876.

Assayer Boise City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office, during the current month has been approved for the sum of $597.60 from the following appropriation, viz:

Salaries	1876	398.40
Wages of Workmen	"	119.60
Contingent Expenses	"	79.60

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. — Feby 11th 1876.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting Bullion Statements for the month of January 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

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A. Wolters, Esq.

February 11th 1876.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Acct for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Actg Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Febry 12th 1876.

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $2.381.60 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	828.60
Wages of Workmen	"	1.223.–
Incidental Expenses	"	250.–

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Feb. 12th 1876.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Acct for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

February 12th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia of one hundred and twenty three thousand seven hundred and forty five 80/100 dollars ($123.745.80) payable in 102.269.27 oz. fine silver bars.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Feby 12th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, of one hundred and sixty nine thousand six hundred and seventy eight 77/100 dollars ($169.678.77) payable in 152.877.53 ozs. standard silver bullion.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Feby 12th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have received your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Feby 13th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the transfer of $123.745.80 payable in 102.269.27 oz. fine silver, and of $169.678.77 payable in 152.877.53 oz. standard silver, to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of your Mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. &c. Philad.a

Feby 13th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for $25,000. on account of minor coinage profits, is received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Feby 13th 1876.

Sir:

In compliance with the request in your letter of the 11th inst., I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the transfer of $123.745.80 payable in 102.269.27 oz. fine silver and of $169.678.77 payable in 152.877.53 oz. standard silver, to be made from the Bullion Fund of your Office to that of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

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R. W. Raymond Esq. Feby 14th. 1876.

Commissioner, &c.

27 Park Place, N.Y.

Sir:

Your communication of the 8th. inst., was duly received, and I have made all reasonable endeavors to hasten the issue of your Reports. They were received Saturday (12th. inst.), and I have addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting that you be allowed 250 copies - the same distribution as was made last year.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

A. Wolters Esq. Feby 14th. 1876.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office

Boise City. Idaho.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Acct for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint, Feby 14th. 1876.

Carson, Nev.

No - Have profits on silver coinage been deposited as directed in letter of December sixteenth.

R. E. Preston,

Act'g Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon, February 14th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Acct of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of January 1876.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

J. W. Gross, Esq. Feby 15th 1876.
Actg Supt.
Mint, U. S. San Francisco.

Sir,

Your attention is respectfully called to page 31, "Instructions and Regulations", requiring you to forward to this office, weekly, a Statement showing the amount and denomination of coins on hand.

The Statement referred to, has not been received for some time past, and it is important that it should be regularly transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
J. R. Hofer, Esq.
Actg. Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

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J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

February 15th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to the pay-rolls of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of January 1876, I find that Mr. Rodney Curtis has received pay as Melter from the date of his Commission, Jany 7, 1876. Section 58 of the Coinage Act of 1873 provides that "Each officer and clerk to be appointed at such assay-offices, before entering upon the execution of his office, shall take an oath or affirmation before some Judge of the United States. + + +"

A similar provision of law is applicable to all employés of the United States Government (with a few exceptions) and the effect of it is that all persons appointed to positions under the Government are paid from the date of their oath of office, which in the case of Mr. Curtis would be the 25th ult.

I return herewith for correction in this particular your pay-rolls, Abstract of Expenses and ⅌ current for January.

I deem this course preferable to allowing your Account to be sent to the Accounting Officers where the amount over-paid would undoubtedly be disallowed.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

February 15th, 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter addressed to you from the Acting Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco, under date of the 5th inst.

The letter was sent to this office through clerical error.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Feby 15th, 1876.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expenses Acct for the month of January 1876.; also, your Subsidiary Silver Coinage Acct for the same period.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

J. R. Hoffer, Esq.
Actg Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Feby 15th, 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst., enclosing statement of examination and count of coins in Cashier's Vault on that day, is received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

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Frank W. Gross, Esq.

February 15th 1876.

Actg Supt. &c.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received a letter addressed by you to the Supt. of the Mint at Carson Nev., under date of the 5th inst., acknowledging the receipt of a box containing special test coins reserved for assay from the Carson Mint, for the month of January 1876.

I have forwarded this letter to Supt. Crawford, together with a letter explanatory of the same.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Frank W. Gross, Esq.

February 15th 1876.

Actg Supt. Mint, U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading for twelve (12) Hogsheads Crucibles, shipped your Mint by "The Joseph Dixon Crucible Company" of Jersey City, - whose account I have this day approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, - payment to be made from the appropriation for "Coinage of Silver for redemption of Fractional Currency."

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 15th 1876.

Sir:

Mr. R. W. Raymond, U. S. Commissioner of Mining Statistics has addressed a communication to this Office urgently preferring his request for an allotment of 250 copies of his last Report.

If you can spare him this number I respectfully request that they be sent to his address, 27 Park Place, N.Y.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Statement showing the amount of Gold and Silver Bullion, and Gold and Silver Coin, respectively, in the Bullion Fund of the Mints on the 25th day of June, 1875.

Mints.	Gold Bullion				Silver Bullion				Total Bullion.			
	Dollars			cts	Dollars			cts	Dollars			cts.
Philadelphia	1	748	124	39		445	010	36	2	393	134	75
San Francisco	1	748	260	46	1	923	046	14	3	671	306	60
Carson		295	544	07		486	928	32		782	472	39
Denver												
Assay Office, New York	2	894	767	41	1	391	947	85	4	186	715	26
" " Boise City												
Total	6	886	696	33	4	146	932	67	11	033	629	00

Mints.	Gold Coin.				Silver Coin.				Total Coin.			
	Dollars			cts	Dollars			cts	Dollars			cts
Philadelphia	1	071	421	09		632	201	65	1	703	622	74
San Francisco		582	531	35	1	852	264	76	2	434	796	11
Carson		387	888	51		203	979	67		591	868	18
Denver		3	000	00			100	00		3	100	00
Assay Office, New York	1	515	688	06		70	872	62	1	586	570	68
" " Boise							794	52			794	52
Total	3	560	539	01	2	760	213	22	6	320	752	23
Total Bullion & Coin.	10	447	235	34	6	907	145	89	17	354	381	23

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Bullion and Coin in the Mints and Assay Offices, Jany 25, 1876		$17.354.381.23
from which should be deducted as		
due for Gold Deposits	$453.011.12	
" " Silver "	435.559.36	
Accrued charges on deposits	88.831.44	
Profits on Silver Coinage	631.181.77	1.608.583.69
Leaving amount of Bullion Fund		15.745.797.54

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Office, Director of the Mint
Feby 5th 1876.

Wm G. Boulton, Esq.
128 Walnut St.
Philadel.a

Feby 16th 1876.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Mr. Snowden, enclosing your communication, relative to coining nickel cents for the Venezuelan Government.

Before any further action can be taken on this subject, application will have to be made by the Government of Venezuela, or its accredited Agent to the Department of State.

I have no doubt after such application shall have been made, that our Government would execute the coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Saml J. Randall — Feby 16th. 1876.

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 10th inst, making certain inquiries relative to the appropriations for Wages of Workmen at the Mints in Philadelphia and San Francisco, I have the honor to reply as follows:

The amounts enumerated in your letter, as expended for Wages of Workmen at the Mint in Philadelphia, viz: for 1873, $126.482.; for 1874, $143.476.; and for 1875, $137.156., were simply the expenditures for Wages of Workmen employed on the Gold and Silver coinage, and did not embrace the amounts expended for Wages of Workmen employed on the Minor coinage.

Prior to the passage of the Coinage Act of 1873, which went into effect on the 1st of April of that year, the wages of workmen, and all other expenses attending the minor Coinage, were paid out of the profits on such coinage, while under the Act referred to, all such profits are covered into the Treasury, and the expenses paid from regular appropriations. In order, however, to determine the expense of the minor coinage, separate payrolls are kept, and vouchers taken.

At the Mint in San Francisco in 1874, the excess in expenses as compared with the Mint at Philadelphia was due mainly to the large coinage of Trade Dollars, and to the fact that the cost of supplies and labor averaged from 25 to 33 per cent higher than at New York or Philadelphia.

I enclose herewith Statements showing the operations and expenses of the Mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco, for the fiscal years 1873, 1874, and 1875, and for the seven months

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ended June 31st of the current fiscal year.

An examination of these Statements will show a continued increase in the number of pieces actually coined since 1873, and it should be stated in this connection, that a comparison of the cost of coinage must be based mainly on the number of pieces struck one year with another.

The expenses of the Mints increase to some extent with the increase in the number of pieces executed, though not in exact ratio.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

	Coinage		Wages of Workmen.	
	Pieces.	Value	Amount Appropriated	Amount Expended.
Fiscal year ended June 30/73				
Gold	888.330	$17.664.937.50		
Silver	10.329.600	2.627.240.50		
Minor	18.925.000	494.050.00	$156.250	* $242.559.42
	30.142.930	20.786.228.00		
Fiscal year ended June 30/74				
Gold	1.917.160	26.467.330.00		
Silver	9.006.700	2.963.135.00		
Minor	19.668.500	411.925.00		
	30.592.360	29.842.390.00	$285.000	263.931.00
Fiscal year ended June 30/75				
Gold	278.258	5.162.870.00		
Silver	11.487.200	3.645.510.00		
Minor	14.629.500	230.375.00		
	26.394.958	9.038.755.00	$250.000	$229.218.86
Fiscal year ending June 30/76.				
Coinage for seven months ending Jan 31 1876				
Gold	292.060.	5.822.600		
Silver	13.006.500	3.204.520		
Minor	9.353.000	147.570		
	22.651.560	9.174.690	$250.000	139.995. or nearly $20.000 per month.

* Up to the 1st of April 1873, the wages of workmen employed upon the minor Coinage were paid from minor Coinage profits.

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Mint U. S. San Francisco.

	Coinage.		Wages of Workmen	
	Pieces	Value	Appropriated	Expended.
Fiscal year ended June 30/73 Gold	894.600	$16.967.000		
Silver	956.700	94.500		
	1.851.300	17.061.500	$200.000.	$199.999.96
Fiscal year ended June 30/74 Gold	1.168.000	22.302.500		
Silver	3.714.000	2.550.500		
	4.882.000	24.853.000	261.000	252.907.98
Fiscal year ended June 30/75 Gold	1.330.000	26.200.000		
Silver	8.274.000	4.327.000		
	9.604.000	30.527.000	278.000	277.835.09
Fiscal year end'g June 30, 76 Seven months ended Jan'y 31, 1876. Gold	804.600	15.814.000		
Silver	15.664.000	4.970.000		
	16.464.600	20.784.000	275.000	183.372.65 or a'mt $26.000 pr. month

Entire Expenditures of the Mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco

Year.	Mints	
	Philadelphia.	San Francisco.
Fiscal year ended June 30, 1873	$473.691.29	$300.439.96
" " " " " 1874	468.176.69	356.037.07
" " " " " 1875	389.593.94	387.249.69

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Coinage for seven months ended January 1876.

Mints -	Double Eagles Pieces	Double Eagles Value	Eagles Pieces	Eagles Value	Half Eagles Pieces	Half Eagles Value	Three Dollars Pieces	Three Dollars Value	Quarter Dollars Pieces	Quarter Dollars Value	Dollars Pieces	Dollars Value	Total Gold Pieces	Total Gold Value
Philadelphia	294.960	$5.919.200	100	$1.000	200	$1.000			400	$1.000	400	$400	295.660	$5.922.600
San Francisco	788.000	15.760.000			5.000	25.000			1.600	28.000			804.600	15.814.000
Carson	82.158	1.643.160	4.933	48.330	3.683	18.415							90.674	1.709.905
Total.	1.164.118	$23.222.360	4.933	$49.330	8.883	$44.415			12.000	$30.000	400	$400	1.187.334	$23.346.505

Mints.	Trade Dollars Pieces	Trade Dollars Value	Half Dollars. Pieces	Half Dollars. Value	Quarter Dollars Pieces	Quarter Dollars Value	Twenty Cents Pieces	Twenty Cents Value	Dimes. Pieces	Dimes. Value	Total Silver. Pieces	Total Silver. Value
Philadelphia	150.400	$150.400	2.954.400	$1.477.200	3.892.400	$972.100	28.900	5.780	5.779.400	$578.940	13.006.500	$3.204.520
San Francisco	2.370.000	2.370.000	2.368.000	1.184.000	1.396.000	349.000	1.140.000	228.000	8.390.000	839.000	15.664.000	4.970.000
Carson.	1.036.000	1.036.000	808.000	404.000	140.000	35.000	130.000	26.000	4.420.000	442.000	6.534.000	1.943.000
Total	3.556.400	$3.556.400	6.130.400	$3.065.200	5.428.400	$1.357.100	1.298.900	$259.780	18.789.400	$1.878.940	35.204.500	$10.117.520

Mint	5 Cents Pieces	5 Cents Value	3 Cents Pieces	3 Cents Value	Cents. Pieces	Cents. Value	Total Minor. Pieces	Total Minor. Value
Philad^{a}	1.225.000	$61.250	252.000	$7.560	7.876.000	$78.760	9.353.000	$147.570

Total Coinage

Pieces 45.744.834

Value $33.611.595.

February 16th 1876.

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Official Oath of Miss Alice Moran, Adjuster in the Coiner's Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

February 16th 1876.

Sir:

The Nevada Bank of San Francisco request that payment for the 500,000 ounces silver purchased, and now in course of delivery at your Mint, be made by checks on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York, payable to the order of their correspondents Messrs. Eugene Kelly & Co. N.Y. and in order to enable you to comply with the request, I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause your bullion fund to be increased by a transfer of five hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($550,000.) in gold coin, and that the amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

The transfer will be made today, and the amount subject to your check on and after the 17th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Feby. 16th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Wm. Lockhart Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

February 16th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your Account of Ordinary Expenditures for the month of January, 1876, I have to call your attention to the following items of expenses enumerated therein.

Voucher #151 - Bill of Wells, Fargo & Co. - amounts to $137.10 Gold = $155.22 Currency, instead of $156.27 the amount paid.

The difference, being an overpayment, will be disallowed, in the settlement of your a/c.

Voucher #158, Bill of Jno. Gilling for Copper - is receipted by V. M. Bell, Attorney. It is necessary that the proper certificates of Power of Attorney in this case should be furnished before the same can be allowed.

Referring to voucher No. 149, Bill of the Virginia & Truckee R. R. Co., for freight on one car load of coal, I find that in addition to the usual charge of 90¢ per 100 lbs, there is a charge of $51.15 for which no explanation is given. The same is the case in Voucher #164, bill of the same Company, where in addition to the usual charge of 90¢ per 100 lb. on one car Lehigh Coal, a charge of $62.85 is made, for which no reason is given. If in these cases the additional or original amounts charged are for advances made to the Central Pacific R. R. Co., receipts of that company should accompany the same as sub vouchers. You will please explain these items.

I will also thank you to state on your acct current, under the head of "Balance on hand at the end of the month" the amounts belonging to each appropriation.

Very respectfully,
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

February 16th 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the Commission of Levi Dague as Coiner of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, also, blank form of bond to be executed by him in the sum of Ten thousand dollars ($10.000.) The sufficiency of the sureties to pay the penalty of the bond must be certified to by the U. S. District Judge, and the bond returned to this Office.

You will retain the Commission in your custody until notified by this Office of the approval of the bond.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Feby 16th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahony
1st Auditor.

February 16th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expenses acct of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., for the month of January, 1876.

Your attention is respectfully directed to an overpayment of 28 cents in the bill of Wells Fargo & Co., Voucher #151.

I have requested the Superintendent to forward the proper certificate of Power of Attorney in favor of N. M. Bell, who has receipted Voucher #158 bill of Jno. Gillig for copper, and the same will be furnished you as soon as it is received at this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Feb'y 16th 1876.

Sir,

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of five hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of your office to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadel'a.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. J. Kappner, Esq.

Feby 16th 1876.

Cashier, German Savings Bank
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Absence from the city on official business, has prevented an earlier reply to your favor of the 2d inst.

Your sketch for a Centennial token was quite ingenious, but I doubt if Congress would be willing to authorize an issue of a special coin for the Centennial year. A gentleman by the name of Bickford, has been urging for a year or two past, an International coin, bearing on one side its equivalent in the moneys of account of the different countries of the single gold standard, and it is possible, that the striking of such a specimen may be authorized.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Stewart L. Woodford, Esq.

Feby 16th 1876.

271 Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 9th inst. recommending Mr. J. M. DuBant for a position in this Bureau, I have to say that while it would afford me pleasure to serve you, yet I am limited by law to a certain number of clerks, and at present no vacancy exists.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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N. F. Masten, Esq.

February 16th 1876.

Cash. Bank of Nevada.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letters of the 3d & 7th insts. received, and in reply I have to state that when we accepted your proposition for the sale of 500.000. ounces fine silver, that it was expected to pay for the same at Philadelphia, but in order to comply with your request, the necessary arrangements have been made by this Office to enable the Supt of the Mint to pay by check on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Prof. W. B. Potter

Feby 16th 1876.

Wash. University
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst, requesting a copy of my last report relative to the establishment of a new Mint, and in reply would say that I have none at my disposal.

You can most likely obtain a copy, however, by making the request of either one of the Senators from your State.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — February 16th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of five hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($550.000) in gold coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, and that the amount be placed with the Assist. Treasurer at New York, to the credit of the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. G. C. Walker — Feby 16th 1876.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the appointment of Miss Alice Moran as an Adjuster in the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, at a compensation of $80. per month, has been approved to take effect from the 12th ult.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Fred. Eckfeldt, Esq. — Feby 16th 1876.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You will remain at San Francisco until otherwise instructed.

Additional instructions will be sent you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Messrs. Jackson & Henry,
38 Pine St. New York.

February, 17th 1876.

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 10th inst, to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting that Officer to furnish a certificate as to the signature of Secretary Richardson to the Circular of foreign coins, issued January 1. 1874, has been referred to this Office.

In the concluding paragraph of your letter, you state that you desire to use the certificate in Court to prove value in American money "of German Thaler" in the beginning of 1875.

The Circular of 1874 contains two tables. Table "A", gives the value of various standard coins, estimated and proclaimed in accordance with the provisions of the 1st Section of the Act of March 3, 1873. Table "B", exhibits the weight, fineness, and value of certain foreign coins, as determined by Mint Assays, the value in silver coins being computed at the rate of 120 cents per ounce, 900 fine, payable in Subsidiary Silver coin.

This last table was made in accordance with a custom which had prevailed prior to the act of March 3, 1873, and not under the provisions of that Act, and so far as the Silver Thaler is concerned, being computed in the subsidiary silver valuation, does not furnish the true value in United States gold coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. W. H. Piper

House of Reps.

Remarks.

The revised Bill will meet what you desire and correct our Coinage System in an important feature viz:— provide for maintaining the silver coins in good condition at the public expense, which is but fair considering that the Government realizes the seigniorage on such coins. The practice of nearly all countries is to do this.

I have omitted the 25ct piece. It is not worth while to coin two pieces so nearly the same value as the Double Dime and Quarter Dollar.

I do not think it important to make any distinction between the different denominations of silver coin as to amount of legal tender. If Congress should, however, think proper to make the new dollar a legal tender for $20. I think no harm or inconvenience would or could arise from it. The coins of less denomination should not I think be made a tender for more than $10.-

The trade dollar goes out of the list of legal-tender coins. The issue of the new dollar will be confined to exchange at par for gold coins, and in redemption of the fractional currency.

The provision as to the deviations correspond with those for other denominations of silver coin provided in existing laws.

This Bill if passed will make our system - Gold - the standard and unlimited tender; and Silver subsidiary, and limited as to tender and issue - perfect.

After the substitution

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of silver coin for fractional notes, say $40.000.000, which will be readily absorbed for change purposes, these coins would be issuable only in exchange at par for gold coin, & which will always prevent redundancy and keep their purchasing power in retail transactions equal to Gold.

H. R. Linderman
Director

A Bill to amend Section 3513, title 37, and Section 3586, Title 39, Revised Statutes of the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, Section 3513, Title 37, and Section 3586, Title 39, of the Revised Statutes of 1873, and 1874, be amended by striking out those sections, and inserting instead thereof;

Section 3513 - "The Silver coins of the United States shall be a Trade Dollar; a Dime, or Ten Cent piece; a Double Dime, or Twenty Cent piece; a Half Dollar, or Fifty Cent piece, and a Dollar. The weight of the Trade Dollar shall be four hundred and twenty grains troy; the weight of the Dime shall be two and one half grams; the Double Dime, five grams; the Half Dollar, twelve and one half grams, and the Dollar, twenty-five grams.

Section 3586. The Silver coins of the United States, except the Trade Dollar shall be a legal tender at their nominal value for any amount not exceeding Ten Dollars.

Section 2. In adjusting the weight of the silver (over)

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Dollar, the deviation shall not exceed one and a half grains in any single piece, and in weighing a large number of pieces together when delivered by the Coiner to the Superintendent, the deviation from the standard weight shall not exceed two hundredths of an ounce in one thousand pieces.

Section 3. The devices, inscriptions and legends on the silver dollar shall conform to those prescribed for the coins of the United States, but such modification thereof may be made by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, as may be necessary to render this coin readily distinguishable from the Trade Dollar.

Section 4. That the Silver Dollar shall be issued in the same manner as provided in existing laws for the silver coins of less denomination that the Dollar.

Section 5. Whenever any of the silver coins of the United States, other than the Trade Dollar shall be worn by natural abrasion to an extent rendering the inscriptions or legends illegible, such pieces shall be received at par by the several Mints, in exchange for new coins of the same metal, standard and denomination, and such pieces shall not be again paid out, but shall be received on account of the United States.

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Hon. R. W. Taylor — February 17th 1876.

1st Comptroller.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your Office the Official Bonds of the following persons, viz: E. Wheaton, Bookkeeper, San Francisco, Mint. Jno. J. Kent, and H. P. Kelsey, Clerks, U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Adolphe Sainctelette, Esq. — Feby 19th 1876.

Brussels, Belgium.

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 14th of January ult. I have also received through the American Minister at Paris, the series of monetary documents published by the Minister of Finance at Brussels, together with a copy of the decrees and tariff relative to the organization of an exchange office at the Brussels Mint, for which courtesy you will please accept my thanks.

All Reports relative to Mint affairs previous to 1873 (the date of our Coinage Act) were embraced in the Annual Finance Reports of the Secretary of the Treasury. I presume you have these Reports, if not, please advise me, and I will send such as you may designate.

I take pleasure in mailing to you the Reports of Mr. Raymond as per request; I also include a copy of his last report, just published, with a bound copy of my own.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall

Feby 17th 1876.

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst, received this morning, I send herewith a statement showing the amounts accruing to the Treasury from Mint charges, gains on subsidiary silver and minor coinage, and striking of medals for the first six months of the current fiscal year.

You inquire how the expenses of any Mint are increased, when the Trade Dollar is largely coined. The answer is, that in making a Trade Dollar, sixteen times as much weight in bullion is handled, as in making a Gold Dollar, and the pieces pass through the same processes, and are adjusted by hand, as in the case of gold coins.

The cost of acids used at the Mints, is as follows:

At the Mint in Philadelphia, the cost of nitric acid, is 7½ cents per pound in currency. Sulphuric acid is not used.

At the Mint in San Francisco the cost of nitric acid is 8½ cents per pound in gold, and sulphuric acid 2¼ cents per pound. At the Mint in Carson, sulphuric acid costs 5 cents per pound in gold. At the Assay Office, New York, sulphuric acid costs 1¾ cents per pound in currency.

The principal articles used in the manufacture of nitric and sulphuric acids, are nitrate of soda, and sulphur; the former is obtained from Valparaiso, and the latter from Sicily, and mines on the Pacific Coast.

The acids are manufactured entirely by

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private enterprise, and the manufactories are in no way connected with or adjacent to the Mints.

I enclose a Statement of the number of adjusters employed at the different Mints.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Statement of the Earnings and gains at the Mints, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Carson City and the Assay Office at New York from July 1st to December 31st 1875.

Mint at Philadelphia.

From Charges on Deposits	$7.489.97
" Gain on Minor Coinage	54.011.32
" Profits on Medals	2.738.70
" Gain on manufacture of Silver Coin	251.660.02
	315.909.01

Mint at San Francisco

From Charges on Deposits	93.441.03
" Gain on manufacture of Silver Coin	320.163.04
	413.604.07

Mint at Carson.

From Charges on Deposits	39.410.95
" Gain on manufacture of Silver Coin	161.149.71
" Sale of by-products	18.777.80
	219.338.46

Assay Office New York.

From Charges on Deposits	$56.992.32
Returns incomplete	--
Total - From Charges collected	197.343.27
" Gain on Minor coinage	54.011.32
" Profits on Medals	2.738.70
" Sale of By-Products	18.777.80
" Gain on manufacture of Silver Coin	732.972.77
	$1.005.843.86

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Adjusters Employed

Mint	1866 No. of Adjusters.	1876 No. of Adjusters	Increase, percentage of
Philadelphia	30	64	113%
San Francisco	15	62	313%
Carson		15	

Coins Adjusted.

	Mint. San Francisco.			Mint. Philadelphia.		
	Gold	Silver	Total	Gold	Silver	Total.
	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces.
1866	1.006.500		1.006.500	526.355	58.550	584.905
1875	1.330.000	3.379.000	4.709.000	278.258	476.800	755.058
	Percentage of increase		367%	Percentage of increase		29%

A comparison of the unadjusted subsidiary silver coin at the Mints in San Francisco and Philadelphia for the years 1866 and 1875, shows an increase at the Mint in San Francisco for 1876, of over 500 per cent in the number of pieces coined, and at the Mint in Philadelphia of over 1420 per cent.

These pieces, though not adjusted by hand, require frequent handling and weighing by the Adjusters, as well as the assorting and counting of the same.

The wages paid the Adjusters at the respective Mints are as follows:

Mint at Philadelphia — — $1.75 per diem
" " San Francisco — — $80.00 per month
" " Carson — — — $80.00 " "

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

February 17th, 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The official Bond of Edward Wheaton, Bookkeeper, in your Mint, executed in the sum of $2,500.- has been approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treas'y, and referred to the first Comptroller for file in that office.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Frank W. Frost, Esq.

Feb'y 17th, 1876.

Act'g Supt. &c.
San Francisco.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 1st inst, relative to the printed heading of the official paper furnished you by the Department, I have to pay that the change is of such a nature as to render it immaterial. Such corrections as may be thought necessary will be made in future requisitions.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman, Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Feb'y 17th, 1876.

Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

The Official Bonds of Jno. T. Kent and H. P. Kelsey, Clerks in your institution, executed in the sum of $5,000.- each, have been approved by the Director of the Mint, & the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to the 1st Comptroller for file in that office.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Crawford.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

February 18th 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith an extract from the report of the Assay Commission, showing the result of the Assay and weighing of the reserved coins from your Mint during 1875.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact, that all the packages received from your Mint after the 1st Quarter of 1875, were broken in transportation, the envelopes badly sealed, and the sealing wax of an inferior quality. In order to avoid a recurrence in the future of this condition of the packages, you are instructed to place the reserved coins in cloth lined envelopes, carefully sealed with wax of the best quality.

In accordance with the 48th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, the Chairman of the Assay Commission has certified to the President of the United States, the fact that a Dime deficient in weight, was found among the reserved coins of the 2d period, received from the Mint at Carson. The Dime referred to was found in the reserved coins for the month of September, and was deficient in weight to the extent of 15.81 grains, or about 7/5 of the legal weight. I will thank you to cause a careful examination to be made, with a view to determine the true facts in the case, and report the result of your investigations to this Office. The general appearance of the Carson reserved coins, showed a want of care or skill in striking the same, - many of the pieces not having been properly brought up under

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the dies, some tarnished, and all of them coated or moiped with the pulverized sealing wax.

You are instructed to impress upon the Coiner the necessity for using every precaution, to not only bring the coins up to the prescribed standards of fineness and weight, but to present an appearance which will reflect credit upon the coinage of your Institution.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. Feby 18th, 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following persons appointed in your Mint, viz:
Wm. W. Mason Sabrer Genl. Dept.
Mr. J. Thompson Asst. Seamstress. Genl. Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. R. Hofer, Esq. Feby 18th, 1876.
Actg Supt. Mint, Carson. Nev.

Sir:

At the request of Supt. Crawford, I transmit herewith Treasury Drafts No. A 8672 $8000, and No. A 8682 $15.650 on Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco, the same being the amount of requisitions on account of the Coinage of Silver and ordinary expenses for the current month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — February 18th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the U. S., the charges for transportation to be paid by the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — February 18th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst, enclosing in duplicate bill of Horatio G. Kern, for 3 pair Assayers Shears forwarded to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, is received.

The account of Mr. Kern has been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement and in due course of business a draft for the amount ($15) will be transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. James Pollock — Feb. 18th 1876.

Supt. Mint, Philad.a

Pay ninety-five per cent on purchase value.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

February 18th 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith an extract from the report of the Assay Commission, showing the result of the assay and weighing of the coins received at your Mint during the year 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Feby 18th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. enclosing Statements of the Melter and Refiner's Gold and Silver Bullion operations for the month of January 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

Feby 18th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the U.S., the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Supt. of the Mint, from "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Confidential

Fred. Eckfeldt, Esq.
San Francisco.

February 18th 1876.

Sir:

You are instructed to make a careful examination as to the mode of receiving supplies at the San Francisco Mint, and the delivery of the same from the Storerooms to the various Officers, foremen &c. for use in the several departments, and operations of the Mint. You will also examine the storekeeper's books, as well as those kept by the operative officers, with a view to ascertain whether such a system of accounting exists as to render any irregularity or misappropriation of any article possible.

A custom exists of loaning supplies, as for example, copper between the Mints at San Francisco and Carson. You will examine what check exists on these transactions, and whether evidence exists of the delivery to the transportation Company properly addressed of such articles purporting to have passed between the two institutions. You will also examine as to what checks are employed to secure delivery to the Government the full delivery of all articles purchased and paid for, particularly coal, wood and acids, also the mode of securing and disposing of old materials.

You will also be particular to note the attendance during the prescribed hours of the Officers, Clerks, and employés. When you visit the Carson Mint you will in addition to other matters respecting which you have heretofore been instructed, carefully examine the various processes of refining and parting bullion and manufacturing coin.

The Pieces of that Mint for 1875, particularly the silver pieces, were, many of

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them somewhat defective, and plainly showing either a want of skill on the part of the operative officers, or gross carelessness. Some of the pieces were discolored, others defective in the devices and inscriptions. Several of the Dimes showed a defective feeding in the Press, or inaccurate setting of the Dies. These defects must be immediately corrected and if necessary to do so one or two skillful workmen must be brought from San Francisco.

I have had some conversation with Supt. Crawford on the subject and suggested the employment of J. B. Harmstead, as a general foreman of machinery.

You will not leave the Coast for the East until further instructions are sent you.

I desire you to make a thorough and complete examination of everything connected with the business and operations of the Western Mints, and for which ample time will be allowed you. Matters have been so situated with respect to previous examinations as not to allow sufficient time for such an examination as has now been devolved upon you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

February 18th 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith an extract from the report of the Assay Commission, showing the result of the Assay and weighing of the coins received at your Mint during the year, 1875.

Your attention is called to the fact, that nearly all the packages received from your Mint were broken in transportation, and you are instructed in transmitting reserved coins hereafter, to place them in cloth lined envelopes, carefully sealed. The sealing wax used at your Mint was of an inferior quality, and became pulverized, and mixed with the coin.

It is particularly enjoined upon you, that the greatest care should be exercised in transmitting the reserved coins to the Philadᵃ Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Feby 18th 1876.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to the enclosed extract from 1st day's proceedings of the Assay Commission, I have to request that you instruct your Assayer and Cashier to be more careful in the future, in enclosing the coins in the envelopes, and in marking the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 18th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., enclosing a communication from the Collector of Customs at New York, in relation to the value of the Spanish Peso, and requesting that I advise the Department of its value, taken in the same basis as the other currencies specified in the Circular of January 1st 1876.

The Spanish Peso is the one sixteenth of the Doublon of 1785, and since, and is no longer coined in Spain. Under the Cuban law, it is rated at the one seventeenth of a Doublon, or in other words, seventeen Dollars or Pesos are reckoned as one Doublon.

This valuation of the Doublon, is, however a compulsory local value. Owing to its reduction in weight by abrasion, and the fact that it frequently falls below the prescribed fineness, the Doublon cannot be safely rated at more than $15.75 in our money, and which would make the value of the Spanish Peso, 1/17 of the Doublon, 92½ cents.

The communication of the Collector is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives.

February 18th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a note from the Clerk of your Committee stating that you desire to be furnished with the particulars of the sum indicated in my letter of yesterday as profits on the Silver Coinage.

Under the law Silver for the subsidiary coinage is purchased by the Government at its market value in U. S. gold coin, and coined at the rate of $1.24 $\frac{4}{16}$ per standard ounce. The difference between the gold cost per standard ounce and the coining rate of the same is the seigniorage or gain to the Government. This gain is carried to the Silver Profit acct, which account is charged with any lawful wastage incurred in the manufacture of the coin, and the expense of the transfer of the coins to the Treasury of the U. S., and the balance paid at least twice a year into the Treasury.

In conclusion I would state that the sum ($732.772.77) named in my letter of the 17th inst. is the balance after payment of expenses above mentioned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver Col.

February 18th 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information duplicate bill of Horatio G. Stern, for 3 pairs Assayers' Shears, shipped you by express on the 17th inst, and whose account I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Feby 19th 1876.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th inst, requesting authority to advertise for proposals to supply the Mint with 20000 lbs. of Copper, 2500 lbs. of Zinc, and 1000 lbs. Tin.

The authority requested is hereby granted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

February 17th, 1876.

Sir:

You are requested to forward the Statement called for in my letter of the 17th of January last, asking for the earnings and expenditures of your Refinery for each month of the current fiscal year up to the 1st of July last.

You were also informed that such Statement would be required monthly thereafter.

It is important that all Reports and Statements called for by this Office, should be promptly rendered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Feby 19th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your "Account for the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin" for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

February 19th 1876.

On and after the twenty first instant silver parted from gold deposits, will be paid for at the rate of one hundred and seven cents per ounce standard, in gold coin.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson. Nevada.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Feby 19th 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

"On and after the twenty-first instant silver parted from gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of one hundred and seven cents per ounce standard in gold coin."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Feby 19th 1876.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to a communication from this Office of Jany 17th last, requesting a Statement showing the earnings of your Refinery from the commencement of operations to the close of Dec. 31, 1875, and to forward thereafter a monthly Statement showing both the earnings and expenditures.

It is absolutely necessary that the Statement asked for should be forwarded.

The monthly reports sent by you show only the expenditures, and it is important, in view of the fact that such information is constantly required by Congressional Committees, that there should be no delay in transmitting the reports called for by this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. W. Groll, Esqr.

Actg Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Feby 19th 1876.

Sir:

At the request of Supt. LaGrange, I transmit herewith endorsed to your order, Treasury Drafts No A 8670 $37.547 and No. A 8671 $18.750, the amount of requisitions for Ordinary Expenses and Coinage of Silver for the month of February.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange Esq. February 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following persons appointed in your Mint, viz:

Wm. Doyle	Fireman	Genl. Dept.
D. E. Sargent	Workman	Assay "
A. G. Pierce	"	" "
Thos. Rodgers	Melter	M. & R's Dept.
F. A. Fritsch	Clerk	Coiner's Dept.
James Cooke	Workman	" "
Jas. H. Robinson	"	" "
Henry Classen	"	" "
Jno. Cennett Jr.	"	" "
Wm. H. Edmonds	"	" "
J. Wallace Westover	"	" "
Mrs. N. D. Hensley	Adjuster	" "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon February 19th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the "Subsidiary Silver Coinage Account" of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., for the month of January 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Feby 19th 1876.

A. C. Paquet, Esq.
Care of H. Freemner, Esq.
710 Market St.
Philadelphia

Sir:

The last time I saw you in Philadelphia, we had some conversation in relation to the engraving by you of a pair of new original dies for the Trade Dollar, and if my memory serves me right, you offered to engrave such dies, and guarantee that the impressions would come up fully under the present coining presses, for the sum of $500.

In order that you may understand in what respect it is desirable to improve on the dies now in use, I enclose the reports of the operative officers of the Mint on the subject, which you will please return to me after reading.

After you shall have examined the subject, I will thank you to submit a proposition in writing, for engraving a pair of original Trade Dollar Dies. No public use will be made by you of the documents herewith sent, or of the information they contain.

No changes are to be made in the arrangement of the devices and inscriptions.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq. February 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

On and after the twenty first inst. silver parted from gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of one hundred and seven cents per ounce standard in gold coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

R. W. Raymond, Esq. Feby 19th 1876.
U. S. Commissioner, Mining Statistics.
27 Park Place, N. Y.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th, with its enclosure, and have this day personally referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, as per request therein contained.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq. Feby, 19th 1876.
Assayer in Chge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day received your Bullion Acct for the Fourth Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Feby 21st 1876.

Sir:

I have received from the State Department, a letter enclosing a communication from the Spanish Minister resident in Washington, requesting for the use of the Ministry of Finance of Spain, "a triplicate collection of all the coins of whatever metal, minted according to the system now in use in the United States."

I will thank you to forward to this office three proof sets of the coins of the United States, and to request of the Coiner, that the greatest care be taken in preparing the planchets, and in striking the coins.

The Bill can be made out against this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadel.a

February 21st 1876.

Sir:

In compliance with your request I transmit herewith copies of Department Circular No. 74, dated August 1/875, relating to allowances for traveling expenses.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Nevada Bank, San Francisco. Feb. 22. 1876.

At what rate will you sell three hundred thousand dollars worth of fine silver deliverable at Mint in your City, and two hundred thousand dollars worth at Carson Mint. Will receive doré bullion at both places and take resulting silver to the amounts named.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Similar telegram sent to
Bank of California,
San Francisco.

Telegram. Nevada Bank, Feb. 22. 1876.
San Francisco.

At what rate will you sell and deliver at Philadelphia Mint an additional five hundred thousand ounces fine silver.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram. Bank of California, Feb. 22. 1876.
San Francisco.

At what rate will you sell and deliver at Philadelphia Mint, five hundred thousand ounces fine silver, approximate value payable on delivery in coin drafts on New York - final settlement in Philadelphia Assay.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Wm. A. Potter, Esq.
Supervising Architect
Treasury Dept.

February 21st 1876.

Sir:

I hand you herewith the "Refinery Construction &c" of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Feby 21st 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst, transmitting account current of the Bullion Fund of your Office, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Feby 21st 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of letter of the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to Stationery &c., as requested in your letter of the 19th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

February 21st 1876.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, your "Refinery Construction Acct" for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Thos. S. Ashe,

Feb. 22d 1876.

Dear Sir;

Acknowledging your letter of the 21st inst, in reference to the necessity of continuing the Assay Office at Charlotte, I have the honor to state that while the condition of the Gold mining interest of that locality is not such as would justify the establishment of an Assay Office if it were an original question, I am of the opinion that it would be proper to continue assaying there on a limited scale, and for which an appropriation of Four Thousand Dollars would be sufficient.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall — Feb. 22. 1876.

Chairman, Committee of Appropriations.

Sir:

The Clerk of your Committee acknowledging my note of the 18th inst, states that the information asked for as to "particulars" in reference to the gain on the coinage of Silver was "simply a statement of the various pieces or denominations upon which the profits were derived." In further reply I have to state, that the pieces known as the Subsidiary Coins, viz: the half & quarter dollar, dimble dime & dime, are the denominations from which the seigniorage or gain is derived. These pieces are coined on Government account only. The Trade Dollar is coined for depositors at a charge of 1½% on the nominal value, & the money arising therefrom embraced in the item "Charges."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Charles J. Branch — February 23. 1876.

Sculptor, 611 North 7th

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to send to this office, per Adams Express Co., the moulds from which the bas-relief impressions of the "Metis" and Life Saving Medal of the 2d class, were made by you.

It is desirable that these moulds should be retained with the official records of this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — February 23, 1876.

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin, to be transferred from the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, to the Treasurer of the U. S., of which amount you will please cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in the name of James Crawford, Supt. Mint, Carson, the sum of $161.149.71, on account of profits on Silver coinage, and $3.973.63 on account of gain from residue fluxes &c., and the sum of $34.876.66 to be treated as a transfer from the Bullion Fund of that Mint.

The Supt. of the Mint has been instructed to pay the charges for transportation of the amount above named from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — February 23, 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing in duplicate memorandums of two lots of Silver bullion received from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, on account of purchase of 500.000. ounces purchased on Government account, is received.

I have no doubt that the entire amount purchased will be delivered during the current quarter. I shall however request the Bank to do so.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — February 23. 1876.

Secretary of Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300.000.) in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, to the Treasurer of the U. S., of which amount you will please cause the sum of $285.971.56 to be deposited in the Treasury, in the name of O. H. LaGrange, Supt. Mint, U. S. at San Francisco, on account of Profits on Silver Coinage from July 1st to December 31st. 1875, and the sum of $14.028.44 to be treated as a transfer, from the bullion fund of that Mint.

The Supt. of the Mint has been instructed to pay the charges for transportation on the amount above mentioned from "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers. — Feby 23. 1876.

1004 Walnut St. Philad.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst, I have to state, that the delay in the payment of your account has been occasioned by want of an appropriation out of which to pay that part for expenses incurred in visiting and examining the several proposed localities for a new Mint, but I hope to be able to have your account settled in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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N. H. Masten, Esq.

February 23. 1876.

Cashier Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you on the 22. inst, is hereby made Official, viz:

"At what rate will you sell and deliver at Philadelphia Mint an additional five hundred thousand ounces fine silver."

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

N. H. Masten, Esq.

Feby 23. 1876.

Cash. Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you on the 22. inst, is hereby made Official, viz:

"At what rate will you sell - three hundred thousand dollars worth of fine silver, deliverable at Mint in your city, and two hundred thousand dollars worth at Carson Mint, - will receive Doré bullion at both places, and take resulting silver to the amounts named."

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram to
Cashier Bank of California
San Francisco.

Supt. Document Room

Feby 23. 1876.

H. of Reps.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me a copy of H. R. Bill No. 2240.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman. Director.

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Cashier, Bank of California. February 23. 1876.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you on the 22 inst, is hereby made official:

"At what rate will you sell and deliver at Philadelphia Mint, five hundred thousand ounces fine Silver approximate value payable on delivery in coin drafts on New York, final settlement on Philadelphia Assay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Feby 23. 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from your Mint to the Treasurer of the U. S. of which amount the sum of $285.971.56 will be deposited in the Treasury in your name, on account of profitt on Silver Coinage from July 1st. to December 31st. 1875. and the balance $14.028.44 treated as a transfer from your Bullion Fund.

You will pay the charges for transportation from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

February 23. 1876.

Cicott's Bond approved. Deliver Commission.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Feby 23. 1876.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of January 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary Treasury.

Feby 23. 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in the name of James Crawford, Supt. U. S. Mint, at Carson Nevada, in gold coin, the following named amounts:

On account of Parting & Refining Charges	$67.139.05
" " " Coinage & Bar Charges	29.467.79
Total — — —	$96.606.84

and that you will cause the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Carson to be increased by the transfer of this sum. ($96.606.84).

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

February 23. 1876.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of two hundred thousand dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from your Mint to the Treasurer of the U. S. of which amount the following named sums are to be deposited in the Treasury in your name, viz:

On account of profits on Silver Coinage $161.149.71
" " " gain from residue fluxes, &c, 3.973.63
Total to be deposited $165.123.34

and the balance $34.876.66 to be treated as a transfer from your Bullion Fund.

You will pay the charges for transportation on the sum ($200.000) above named, from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, Carson, Nev.

Feby 23. 1876.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury in your name, in gold coin the following amounts, viz:

On account of parting & refining charges $67.139.05
" " " Coinage & bar charges 29.467.79
Total 96.606.84

and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer to the same of this amount $96.606.84.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. C. Paquet, Esq. Feby 23. 1876.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have yours of the 22. inst. offering to make for the sum of six hundred dollars ($600.) a pair of hubs for the working dies of the Trade Dollar coin.

You are hereby authorized to prepare the hubs, and when completed to forward the same to this Office. Your bill will be paid when the work has been examined and accepted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Approved:
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. S. J. Randall Feby 23. 1876.

Chairman, Committee &c.
House Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to so much of your letter of the 21st inst, as refers to the accounts of the late Coiner of the San Francisco Mint, Mr. J. J. Babcock, I have the honor to inform you that at the time of the change, a full settlement of his accounts was had pursuant to law, the bullion in his custody weighed and counted, and found to be correct.

With respect to the reasons for the resignation of Mr. Babcock, I respectfully refer you to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Frank W. Evans, Esq. February 23 1876.
Actg Supt. Mint, U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst, enclosing balance sheet of your Mint on the 31st ult, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Cooper, Jones & Cadbury Feby 23d 1876.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 21st inst, enclosing affidavit of W. S. Cooper, of your firm, relative to the Canisters manufactured and shipped by you to the San Francisco Mint, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

N. K. Masten, Esq. Feby 23d 1876.
Cashier, Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to request that the delivery by you to the Philadelphia Mint of the 500.000. ounces fine silver, recently purchased from you on Government account, may if practicable be completed during the current quarter, (ending March 31st).

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Supt. Document Room
U. S. Senate.

February 23. 1876.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me copies of Senate Bills Nos. 466, and 468.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary Sta. Treasury.

Feby 24. 1876.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed communication from Hon. John Cadwalader, Chairman of the Assay Commission, addressed ~~to the~~ President of the United States, I have the honor to transmit herewith an extract from the minutes of the Commission, certified to by the Secretary containing explanations respecting a defective reserved Dime of the Carson Mint, therein referred to.

It appears to be proper to state, that silver coins other than the Trade Dollar, are not adjusted by the piece, and that the draw-bench is relied on for a uniformity of thickness in the strip, from which the blanks for the coins are cut.

It is possible for a defective piece to be issued without any fault in the part of the Officers of the Mint, and I am of the opinion, that in view of the circumstances of the case, no further action should be taken.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

February 24th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th. inst, enclosing a letter from the Assayer relative to procuring a set of the U. S. coins of 1876, and certain foreign coins for the Cabinet of the Mint, is received.

After a careful consideration of the subject it has been decided to authorize you to purchase the coins, and charge the cost thereof in your medal account as against the profits on sale of Proof coins.

I would again state, that I do not think it desirable to purchase for the Cabinet any but a set of our own coins annually, and rare foreign coins, - and for the purchase of the latter, you will restrict your expenditures for the balance of the current fiscal year to the sum of fifty dollars.

I transmit herewith a Double Eagle of San Francisco Coinage 1873, weighing 527 grains purchased sometime since by this office from the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York, and which you will please cause to be melted, and the proceeds returned to this office, in coin.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — Feby 24th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadª

Sir:

I send by today's mail, 500 blank forms for the Daily Statements. These forms have been altered, in order to show in the "Balance on hand", the amount in each denomination of coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. — Feby 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to ascertain early tomorrow morning, and send by telegraph, the latest London quotation for silver, and the market price in New York for fine silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor — Feby 24th 1876.
1st Comptroller.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your office the Official Bond of Frank U. Ecott, Coiner of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, executed in the sum of $20,000, under a commission granted by the President of the United States bearing date of January 10, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

February 24th 1876.

Sir:

The official Bond of Frank K. Cicott, Coiner of your Mint, executed in the sum of $20.000.— has been approved by the Director of the Mint, and the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to the 1st Comptroller for file in that office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Feby 24th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following employés of your Mint, transmitted on the 14th inst. viz:

David T. Herring – Workman, Coiners Dept.
Lillie B. Biggers – Adjuster.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

February 24th 1876.

Forward by mail detailed statement of late Coiner's settlement.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. W. Gross, Esq. Feby 24th 1876.
Act'g Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I send by today's mail, 500 blank forms for the Daily Statements.

These forms have been altered, in order to show in the "balance on hand", the amount in each denomination of coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
J. R. Hofer, Esq.
Act'g Supt.
Mint U. S. Carson.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Feby 25th 1876.
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

By this day's mail, I send you a supply of copies of the "Table of Charges" at your Office as revised Jan. 1, 1874.

The remaining portion of your requisition will be forwarded in a few days.

As per request, I send you a bound copy of my last annual Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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C. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

February 25th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst, enclosing bill of the Western Union Telegraph Co, for transmission of telegrams, which you state appear to be on private account, was duly received, and in reply you are instructed to ascertain and pay for only such telegrams as were actually on Government business. The Telegraph Company must look to the senders for payment of private dispatches.

I will thank you to ascertain and inform me, whether there are any dispatches of my own included in the bill, and if so to promptly notify me of the fact and the amount due for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Feby 25th 1876.

Sir:

In accordance with the verbal understanding had when you were here a few days since, I return herewith, vouchers Nos. 186, 266, 277, 278, & 354, and your abstracts of Contingent Expenses, and accounts Current of Ordinary Expenses for the months of October, November & December, 1875, in order to enable you to make the corrections agreed upon, and thus obviate the disallowance by the accounting Officers in the adjustment of your accounts of expenses incurred in fitting up Lunch Room.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — February 25th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

From your dispatch of the 18th inst, and letter of the 21st inst, it appears that you are paying only ninety-five per cent of the value of Silver purchased from the Nevada Bank, as determined by Assay at your Mint. You should make full payment for each lot delivered as soon as its purchase value has been determined by Assay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — Feby 25th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadel.a

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me how soon the first 500 badges and cross bars of the Mexican Veteran Association, may be expected.

The Secretary desires the information in order to provide for the engraving, ribbon, &c.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Nevada Bank, San Francisco — Feb. 25th 1876.

Price too high. Will consider an offer at lower rates.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Bank of California, San Francisco.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

February 25th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1875, I have to call your attention to the following items; viz:

Silver Warrant No. 1. calls for 593.122.$\frac{22}{}$ standard ounces of silver bullion - value $736,944.$\frac{56}{}$. The value should be $737.944.$\frac{56}{}$, and the same is herewith returned for correction. This error is also taken up in your "Silver Bullion A/c", which I also return.

Gold Bullion Warrant No. 9, authorizes the Coiner to deliver to the Superintendent 38.256.$\frac{83}{}$ ounces standard of Gold coins - value $711.755.- composed of 69.334 Double Eagles, and 3683 Half Eagles. The coins enumerated would weigh over 75.000. ounces, and be in value over $1.400.000.- The same is herewith returned for correction.

You will please furnish a Warrant authorizing the Coiner to receive credit for the sum of $48,844.$\frac{50}{}$, being the difference on ozs. 482.125.- St. silver bullion calculated at 420 grains to the dollar, and the value of the same calculated at $1.244168 per standard ounce.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

February 25th 1876.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to calculate the value of Silver deposited for Fine and Unparted Bars on the Abstract Sheets of your Bullion Accounts at the rate of $1.244168 per ounce standard (803.75 ozs with $1000.) instead of $1.16 7/11, the rate heretofore used.

This will obviate the necessity for any adjustment of Silver values except on purchases of Silver Bullion and Deposits for Trade Dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. H. Masten, Esq.
Cashier, Nevada Bank,
San Francisco.

Feby 25th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate memorandums of two lots of silver bullion, received at the Philadelphia Mint, on the 16th & 17th inst, being in part of 500.000. ozs. purchased from you on Government account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint — Feby 27th 1876.

Carson, Nevada.

Have purchased for your Mint from Nevada Bank one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred and sixteen cents per ounce fine, and like amount from Bank of California at same rate. Will have bullion fund correspondingly increased.

H. P. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — Feby 28th 187

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you yesterday, is hereby made official:

"Have purchased for your Mint from Nevada Bank, one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred and sixteen cents per ounce fine, and a like amount from the Bank of California at same rate. Will have bullion fund correspondingly increased."

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Bank of California — Feb. 26th 1876.

San Francisco.

We will take two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at Philadelphia Mint at one hundred and seventeen cents per ounce fine.

H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esq. February 26th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst, stating that you are offered 50000. oz. fine silver at 1.17 3/4.

We have made a large purchase today to be delivered at the Philadelphia Mint, free of charge, at the rate of 1.17 cents per ounce fine.

We shall probably send you an order in a day or two.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow Feby 26th 1876.

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, to the Treasurer of the United States, in the following proportions as to denominations, viz:

Half Dollars	—	—	$100.000.
Quarter Dollars	—	—	200.000.
Dimes	—	—	200.000.

The charges for transportation to be paid by Superintendent of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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H. A. Newton, Esq.

Yale College

New Haven, Conn.

February 26th 1876.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 24th inst. I am unable to see the least benefit that would be produced by the change in our Gold coinage to which you refer. It would still leave diverse moneys of account.

I may say frankly that I should not favor any change in our Gold coins unless it looks to a common language of accounts.

The metric system is a perfect one, as respects weights and measures, but it would take a generation or two to introduce it into the everyday transactions of the people, and in advance of that I am unable to perceive any good reason for regulating our coinage by it.

In the nature of things coins can never be made to serve as both a weight and money for the simple reason that the former will not continue accurate on account of wear.

I send you herewith a copy of the mint laws, regulations &c.

If you should come to Washington at any time I shall be very glad to see you & talk these matters over.

I write in much haste.

Very respectfully

H. P. Lindermann

Director.

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Genl. O. H. La Grange — Feb. 26th 1876.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to the communication of P. H. Campbell, contained in the enclosed newspaper slip N. Y. Sun, 24th inst, I will thank you to report the facts to me in relation to the alleged supplying of crucibles for the Refinery by A. B. Lindermann.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. — February 26th 1876.

Supt. Mint, S. F.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000) in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States, in the following proportions as to denominations:

Half Dollars	—	$100.000.
Quarter Dollars	— —	200.000.
Dimes —	— —	200.000.

The charges for transportation of the same to be paid by you from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall — Feby 26th. 1876.

Chairman Committee on Appropriations.
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your information, copy of letter received today from the Actg Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, in relation to the rate of compensation allowed and paid at that Mint as compared with that paid by private corporations and establishments.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — Feby 26th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your letter of the 25th. inst., enclosing $20.40 in coin, the value of 1 S. F. Double Eagle weighing 527 grains, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. J. C. Flood Esq. — Feb. 26th. 1876.

Nevada Block
San Francisco.

The Secretary of the Treasury would like you to come here on important business. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Telegram.

Bank of California

San Francisco.

Feb. 26th. 1876.

We will take one hundred thousand ounces fine silver delivered at Carson Mint at one hundred and sixteen cents per ounce fine, and same quantity at San Francisco same price.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Thomas Brown, Esq.

Cashier, Bank of California

San Francisco. Cal.

Feby 26th. 1876.

Sir:

The following telegrams sent you this day are hereby made official, viz:

"We will take two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at Philadelphia Mint at one hundred and seventeen cents per ounce fine," - and, "we will take one hundred thousand ounces fine silver delivered at Carson Mint at one hundred and sixteen cents per ounce fine, and same quantity at San Francisco same price".

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram. Nevada Bank Feb. 26th. 1876.

San Francisco.

We will take three hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at Philadelphia Mint at one hundred and seventeen cents per ounce fine.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Telegram. Nevada Bank Feb. 26th. 1876.

San Francisco.

We will take two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at San Francisco, and one hundred thousand at Carson at one hundred and sixteen cents per ounce fine.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

N. H. Masten Esq. Feby 26th. 1876.

Cashier Nevada Bank

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

The following telegrams sent you this day are hereby made official viz: "We will take three hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at Philadelphia Mint at one hundred and seventeen cents per ounce fine" - and, "We will take two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at San Francisco, and one hundred thousand at Carson, at one hundred and sixteen cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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A. H. Marsten, Esq.
Cash. Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

February 26th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate memorandum showing net value of lot silver delivered by you on the 21st inst, at Philadelphia Mint, on account of purchase of 500.000 ounce fine silver on Government account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Feby 27th 1876.

Have purchased for your Mint from Nevada Bank, two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred and eighteen cents per ounce fine, and one hundred thousand ounces from Bank of California at same rate. Will have bullion fund correspondingly increased.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

J. C. Flood,
Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Feby 27th 1876.

Either will do, and should come with ample powers to act.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint

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O. H. Lafrange Esq. February 28. 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you yesterday, is hereby made official:

"Have purchased for your Mint from the Nevada Bank, two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred and eighteen cents per ounce fine, and one hundred thousand ounces from Bank of California at same rate. Will have Bullion Fund correspondingly increased."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow February 28. 1876.
Secretary Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the San Francisco Mint be increased three hundred thousand dollars, ($300,000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from Treasurer, and that the transfer be made immediately by telegraph.

This addition to the bullion fund is necessary on account of a purchase of silver bullion on the 26th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — February 25th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson, be increased two hundred thousand dollars ($200.000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from the Treasurer, and that the transfer be made immediately by telegraph.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Stern Brothers — Feb. 28th 1876.

6th Avenue & 28th St. N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging your letter of the 25th inst, making inquiries respecting silver coins, I have to inform you that under the law, silver coins, except the trade dollar are fabricated exclusively on account of the United States, and can be issued only in exchange for gold coins at par or in redemption of the fractional currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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The time for commencing the substitution of silver coins for the fractional currency has not yet been fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

H. R. L.

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James Crawford Esq.

February 28th, 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th inst, transmitting requisition for certain Blank Forms and Books, for the transaction of business of your institution, and have this day made requisition therefor upon the Public Printer.

The Oaths of Office and Requisitions for funds will be supplied from this Office from time to time as they may be needed.

I return herewith the note enclosed from the Assayer, as it is necessary that he should send sample leaves of the books he wishes, showing the ruling & number of pages desired for each book.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. R. Hofer, Esq.

Feby 28th, 1876.

Actg Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst, making requisitions for twenty-four Reverse Dime Dies and twenty-four Obverse Dime Dies, is received.

Directions have been given for the shipment of the Dies required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — Feby 28th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You will please forward to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson:

Twenty-four Reverse Dime Dies.
Twenty-four Obverse " "

I enclose herewith copy of a letter received at this office from the Actg Supt. of the Carson Mint, relative to the Dime Dies heretofore furnished.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Feby 28th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst, enclosing in duplicate, certificate of deposit for $270.85 in favor of the Assayer of the Denver Mint, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — Feby 28th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

I have this day received your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — February 28th. 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the Dime referred to by the Supt. of the Carson Mint, in his letter of the 21st. inst, a copy of which was transmitted you this day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafrangue Esq. — Feb'y 28th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department, for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. — Feb'y 28th. 1876.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Sellers have privilege of depositing Doré Government taking resulting fine silver to amount of purchase of which you have been advised. Seller pays parting charge.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lafranger, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Feby 28th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your "Subsidiary Silver Coinage Acct" for the month of January, 1876, I have to call your attention to the following items of expense enumerated therein, viz:

Vouchers #440 and #446, bills of Wells, Fargo & Co. for Freight having been paid during the month of February cannot form a part of your January acct, and are herewith returned.

Voucher #409, bill of Mrs. E. W. Inuchsart for hemming 4 doz. Napkins & 1 doz. Table cloths, amounting to $14.23, does not appear to be a legitimate expense, and is herewith returned with the request that the same be taken out of your Account.

In Voucher #428, bill of Justinian Caire, there is an item of "2 carvers & 2 forks @ $3 = $4 - which does not seem to be a proper Mint expense, and I return the bill that the same may be withdrawn from your acct.

You will please forward a Sub-voucher for the item "Freight adv. on 7 scales - $5.10" charged in the bill of J. Morton & Co. Voucher #436.

The "% current" & "Abstract of disbursements for Contingent Expenses", belonging to your account are herewith returned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. February 28th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following employés of your Mint, viz:
Jno. G. North - Workmen in the M & R's Dept.
Mrs. Delia Heermans - Adjuster in the Coiner's Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Feby 28th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day received your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. C. Paquet, Esq. Feb. 28th 1876.
1308 Park Avenue,
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I am advised by C. J. Stauch, Esq. that the moulds, from which the concave impressions of the "Mehis" & "Life Saving" Medals were made, are in your possession. If so, I will thank you to forward the same to this Office, (per the Adams Express Co.) as it is desirable that they should be retained with its records.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. R. T. Van Horn

Kansas City. Mo.

February 28th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d inst. enclosing resolutions of Board of Trade of Kansas City proposing to erect and donate to the Government a building for a Mint, has been received.

The resolutions have been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the recommendation that the same be transmitted by him to the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. M. Kenady, Esq.

525 Sixth St.

Washington, D.C.

Feby 28th 1876.

Sir:

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, that 500 badges of the Mexican Veteran Association will be forwarded from that Mint tomorrow morning.

You will please call Wednesday next, and receive the badges.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Fred. Eckfeldt Esq. February 28th 1876.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Before leaving San Francisco and Carson, you will please consider the best mode of an examination to be made monthly and without previous notice, of the accounts and condition of the Coiner, and Melter and Refiner's Depts. The examination to be made by the Superintendents. As respects the Coiner's Dept. he having nothing but standard bullion, there will be no difficulty in determining in any one afternoon and evening, the state of his accounts, and the correspondence of the bullion on hand to the balance so shown by the books of account.

An examination of the Melter & Refiner's accounts will be more difficult, he being charged with and holding bullion of various grades of fineness, but there will be no difficulty in arriving at approximate results.

You will confer with the Superintendents on this subject, and report fully on your return here.

It is my intention to prescribe, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, regulations requiring an examination to be made at least once a month at all the Mints.

On your way East you will stop at St. Louis, and examine, the U. S. Arsenal buildings and grounds in that City with a view to ascertain their adaptability for Mint purposes. Any of the following named gentlemen viz: Webb Samuels, Silas Bent, Dwight Durker, William Rolland, J. A. Whany, and John D. Perry, will when applied to by you afford you

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all necessary information.

When you shall have performed these duties and those heretofore assigned you, you may return to your duties here, unless otherwise instructed.

When you are about ready to start East you will so inform me by telegraph.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon — Feby 28th. 1876.
1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Acct of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, for the month of January 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon — February 28th. 1876.
1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Acct of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

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Hon. Wm. L. O'Brien — Feby 28th 1876.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft of a bill for opening and conducting the Mint at New Orleans as an Assay Office, which if enacted into a law will necessitate the following appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877, viz:

For Salaries —	
Assayer in Charge —	$2,500.
Melter —	2000.
One Clerk — —	1500.
	$6000.
For Wages of workmen — —	3000.
" Fuel, fluxes, acids and other incidental expenses	$5000.
Making a total of	$14.000.

The Salary of the Superintendent is at present $3.500.- The title of the Chief Officer should be that of Assayer in Charge, and not Superintendent, and who under existing laws is to perform the duties of Superintendent and Assayer.

The Office of Superintendent is at present filled by Dr. M. J. Bonzano, a very capable Assayer, and possessing excellent executive abilities. His Salary as Assayer under the bill should be $3.500, but as this is the day of reducing salaries, it may be advisable to pass the bill as I have drawn it.

The Revised Sections therein referred to and which will govern the matter limits salary of Assayer and the Melter to $2500. each. I think $2000. sufficient for the Melter.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives,

That the Mint at New Orleans shall hereafter be conducted as an Assay Office, subject to the conditions and restrictions of Sections 3558, 3559, 3560, 3561, and 3562, Revised Statutes of the United States.

J. V. L. Scherimer, Esq. — Feby 28th. 1876.

Assayer in Ch'g U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Acct for the month of January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Scherimer, Esq. — Feby 28th. 1876.

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day received your communication of the 23d. inst, transmitting corrected pay rolls of Officers & Clerks, Account Current & Abstract of Contingent Expenses, belonging to your Ordinary Account for January, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. E. L. Schirmer, Esq. February 28th 1876.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I transmit herewith duplicate certificate of deposit for $270.85 coin, the same being proceeds of unparted bar, forwarded by you to the Mint Philadelphia for coinage, and deposited in your name on account of charges on deposits at your Mint for the quarter ending Dec'r 31st 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint Feby 29th 1876.
San Francisco.

Sellers may deliver fine Silver or Doré. In the latter case they pay the parting charge.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lagrange, Esq. Feby 29th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Sellers may deliver fine Silver or Doré. In the latter case they pay the parting charge."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. J. C. Flood, Nevada Block, San Francisco. Feb. 29th 1876.

When will one of the parties start.

H. R. Linderman. - Director.

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Subsidiary Coinage under the Act of January 14th 1875.

Coin in Treasury, Jany 31st 1875 $1.500.000.

Coinage to February 19th 1876.

	Pieces	Value	
Half Dollars	10.911.750	$5.455.875	
Quarter Dollars	6.781.700	1.695.425	
Twenty Cents	1.310.375	262.075	
Dimes	30.241.900	3.024.190	
	39.245.725		10.437.565

Probable Coinage for the balance of February 350.000

Total Silver Coin accumulated by Mch. 1, 1876. $12.287.565

Fractional Currency outstanding June 30, 1875.

	Number of Notes	Value
Three Cents	3.070.455	$92.113.65
Five Cents	37.416.381	1.870.819.05
Ten Cents	113.291.325	11.329.132.50
Fifteen Cents	6.064.925	909.738.75
Twenty-five Cents	67.507.112	16.876.778.00
Fifty Cents	22.165.682	11.082.841.00
	249.515.880	$42.161.422.95

Deduct on % of unknown denominations 32.000.00

Total outstanding June 30/75 $42.129.422.95

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O. H. Lagrange, Esq.

February 29th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

From an examination of your account for the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coins for the month of January, 1876, I find that the amount expended for Stationery enumerated therein aggregate more than $500.=

I desire to direct your attention to the letter of instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury relative to furnishing Stationery to the several Mints and Assay Offices, a copy of which was mailed you on the 13th of October last, and to inform you that in pursuance of said order I shall be obliged to disapprove any bills for Stationery which may appear in your accounts hereafter, except for such few articles as may be necessary for immediate use.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Feby 29th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst, relative to carpets for certain rooms in the Assay Office, I am informed by the Supervising Architect, "that the appropriation for furniture is so nearly exhausted, that it will be impracticable to authorize this expenditure until after a further appropriation becomes available."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia

March 1st 1876.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday enclosing bills for 500 badges and cross bars for the Mexican Veteran Association. These badges arrived this morning.

I enclose a letter from Mr. A. M. Henady, Secretary of the Association, from which it will appear that a mistake has occurred in regard to the cross bars. The bar or roller on the back of the badge was not contemplated in the order, that portion of the work having been contracted for in this City, at the rate of three cents a piece for all the wire work.

The cross bar was understood to be a plain piece of bronze, from which the badge was to be suspended by a ribbon. Mr. Henady states that such was his understanding of the matter, and that the bronze cross bar was to be furnished at 6 cents a piece, in place of the "Eagle" suggested at the mint.

The error will have to be corrected and the cross bars prepared according to the design attached to the letter of Mr. Henady. You will be kind enough to prepare 500 at once, to accompany the 500 badges received today. As the roller on the back of the badge is to be furnished in this City, it will not be necessary to place it on the additional medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 1st 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith one double Eagle which is abraded below the legal limit, please send me the bullion value of the same, by return mail.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 1st 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult, enclosing proposals received by you for furnishing the Mint with copper, zinc and tin, is at hand.

You will award the contract as proposed in your letter. The bids are returned herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, — March 1st 1876.
San Francisco.

Coin quarter dollars for the present.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

March 1st 1876.

Sir:

The Dime enclosed in your letter of the 21st ult, clearly shows in my opinion a want of skill on the part of some of the workmen in the Coiner's Office. It will not do to have any more coin defective in mechanical execution go out of your Mint. I think it important that you should employ a thoroughly experienced man as a general foreman in the Coiner's Office and I suggest the employment of J. B. Carmstedt, late Coiner of the San Francisco Mint. If his services cannot be obtained it will be necessary to procure the services of a competent man from the Philadelphia or San Francisco Mints. There is no difficulty whatever in properly executing the coinage at the other Mints with Dies made from the same steel and in the same manner as those sent your Mint.

You will please give this subject your immediate and earnest attention, — you will, of course, be held responsible should any further imperfectly executed coins be issued by your Mint.

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director.

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General Freight Agent
Balt: & Ohio R.R.
Philadelphia.

March 1st. 1876.

Sir:

On the 9th. of July 1875, Messrs. Powers & Weightman shipped from Philadelphia to the Mint at San Francisco, via the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. two cases of Earthenware, said cases containing four porcelain jars or pots for the Mint Refinery in that City.

The cases have never been received at the San Francisco Mint. In October last, Mr. M. V. Davis of this office, called at your Office and presented the subject to the gentlemen in charge, who promised to examine it, and trace if possible, the cause and point of detention.

Will you be kind enough to make the necessary inquiries along the line of your road and the connecting roads to San Francisco, and inform this Office of the cause of detention.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

March 1st. 1876.

Bullion fund increased two hundred thousand dollars on twenty eighth ultimo by telegram, to Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco.

H. R. Linderman
Director

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A. Wolters, Esq.

March 1st 1876.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion Accounts for the Third and Fourth Quarters, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

March 1st 1876.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 19th ult., forwarding corrected Bullion Accounts, for the Third & Fourth Quarters, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

Mar. 1st 1876.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 14th ult., transmitting corrected Gold Bullion Warrant #102, & Assay Receipt No. 19.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr,

Philadelphia.

March 1st 1876.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 28th ult, is not as clear as could be desired. According to the correspondence of this office it appears that some few months ago, two rolls, manufactured by Miller Barr & Parkin, for the San Francisco Mint, broke from defective manufacture. When their attention was called to the matter, they promptly agreed to replace them with new ones at their own cost, & these latter are the rolls understood to be covered by the Bill Lading accompanying your letter.

You state that two other rolls manufactured by the same party, and for the same Mint have been sent them to replace at their own cost, which is the first information as to the second broken pair of rolls received by this Office.

If I am in error in understanding the purport of your letter please so inform me.

I shall write the Supt. at San Francisco at once on the subject of the second set of broken rolls.

Unless it can be demonstrated that this latter pair of rolls was defective and broke from that cause, the manufacturers cannot be expected to replace them at their own cost.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

March 1st 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, for the Third and Fourth Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

March 1st 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in Charge, of the U. S. Mint, at Denver, Col., for the Fourth Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Scherimer, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver.

March 1st 1876.

Sir:

I have examined your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1875, and referred the same to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Benj. C. Wright, Esq. March 1st 1876.
S. F. Bulletin Co.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Agreeable to your request, I have this day mailed a copy of my last annual Report to your address.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. March 1st 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult., transmitting account current of the Bullion Fund of your Office, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint March 1st 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

In filling transfer order for New Orleans, send one hundred thousand in Dimes, and same amount in quarters.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint March 2, 1876.
San Francisco.

State by telegraph amount of subsidiary silver coin on hand, by denominations.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Supt. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint March 2, 1876.
San Francisco.

In filling transfer order for New Orleans send two hundred thousand in half dollars and one hundred thousand in Dimes.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 2, 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"In filling transfer order for New Orleans send two hundred thousand dollars in half dollars, and one hundred thousand in Dimes."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, March 2d. 1876.
San Francisco.

Repeat by telegraph Coinage for February.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 2d. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is made official, viz:

"Repeat by telegraph Coinage for February."

I enclose herewith a press copy of your telegram giving the coinage for February as received at this office, which upon comparison, you will find that the amounts stated to have been coined in denominations does not agree with the total amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. March 2d. 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of a letter from the Supt. of the Philad.a Mint, relative to the Dies furnished your Mint, and a copy of a letter from the Engraver on the same subject, and to which your earnest attention is invited.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

P.S. The Dime enclosed in your letter of the 21st. ult. is returned herewith.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — March 2d. 1876.

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev., to the Treasurer of the United States, in the following proportions as to denominations, viz:

Half Dollars	$50.000.
Dimes	150.000.
	$200.000.

Charges for transportation of the same to be paid by Supt. of the Mint, from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

R. W. Raymond, Esq. — March 2d. 1876.

U. S. Comm'r of Mining Statistics

27 Park Place, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th. ult., transmitting your account for the quarter ending December 31st. 1875, is received.

Your account has this day been referred to the accounting officers, for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Messrs. Recknagel & Co.

March 2d. 1876.

P.O. Box #683

New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st. inst. making request for a copy of my Annual Report for 1874. I regret to inform you that my supply has been exhausted.

It is barely possible that Mr. Acton, Supt. of the Assay Office in your city, may be able to spare you a copy.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. G. Sheridan, Esq.

March 2d. 1876.

428 East 13th. St.,

New York City. N.Y.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th. ult. and in reply take pleasure in mailing to your address this day, a copy of my last Annual Report.

There is no work published such as you desire, showing in detail the operations of Assaying and Coining in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

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Daniel O'Brien, Esq. March 2d. 1876.

18 Vanderbilt Avenue

Brooklyn E. D. N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st. inst. has been receipt and in reply I have to say, that we have no Catalogue of Copper Coins, such as you desire.

The first coinage of the copper cent was in the year 1793.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, March 2d. 1876.

Philadelphia.

In accepting bids for copper, zinc, & tin, the quality proposed to be furnished must be satisfactory to the Melter & Refiner.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 2d. 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

"In accepting bids for copper, zinc and tin, the quality proposed to be furnished must be satisfactory to the Melter & Refiner."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 2d. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received the oaths of office of the following named employés of your Mint, viz:
Wm. H. Kelly - Cutter - Coiners Dept.
Elias Lemard - " " "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 2d. 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th. ult, reporting result of monthly count, and examination of moneys in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint — March 2d. 1876.

Philadelphia.

Coin quarter dollars and Dimes for the present.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Assay Office, New York. — March 2d. 1876.

You are authorized to purchase one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at lowest market rate and not exceeding one hundred and fifteen cents per ounce fine.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. March 2d 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official, viz:

"You are authorized to purchase one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at lowest market rate and not exceeding one hundred and fifteen cents per ounce fine."

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. March 2d 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the current month has been approved for the sum of $13.500.- from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	—	1876 —	$3000.-
Wages of Workmen	—	" —	6.000.
Contingent Expenses	—	" —	4.500.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Assay Office March 3d 1876.
New York.

Request Seligman to forward promised Statement of action of Brussels Coinage Convention.

H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. A. G. Thurman
U. S. S.

March 2. 1876.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, in which you desire an expression of my opinion on the following points:

1st. As to the possibility or probability of the stock of Gold & Silver in the United States being increased in the next three or four years, and the causes that are likely to increase it.

2d. Would an accumulation in the Treasury annually, for several years, of coin, to the amount of 3% on the volume of outstanding legal tender notes, and a like accumulation by the National Banks on the amount of their circulating notes be likely to raise the premium on Gold.

3d. Will the silver coins now in the Treasury, if issued, be likely to remain in circulation.

Replying to the inquiries in the order in which they are presented, I would state that the probability of increasing the stock of coin in this Country, depends to a great extent upon the condition of the general balance sheet of the Country. If that should continue against us, an increased coin reserve could only be provided by increased debt in some form.

The first point to be considered is, whether the general condition of affairs, and circumstances likely to occur in the near future, are likely to render the general balance sheet more favorable than heretofore.

We have first the undeniable fact that a pretty general retrenchment of

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expenses, public and private, is going on in every direction. This is certainly a very important matter. Next is, the expectation that the large drain upon the country to cover the expenses of Americans visiting and residing in Europe, will be largely reduced this year.

Being our first Centennial, Americans, it is claimed, will be likely to remain at home, and visitors to us from abroad will probably wipe out this item.

We may also confidently expect an increase of our bullion production to the amount of not less than twenty millions this year, and something more the next year over the average of the last three years ($70.000.000.)

The items referred to should improve the National balance Sheet not less than $50.000.000., possibly $75.000.000.

If I am correct in estimating as above, there would appear to be no danger of raising the gold premium by withdrawing and reserving pay $25.000.000., of gold coin annually.

Silver coin of the present standard, except the trade dollar, may safely be made a legal tender to the amount of $10.-, and if a dollar piece of the same standard (equal to 2 half dollars) were authorized to be coined, it could, with propriety be made a tender to the amount of $20.- These coins are issuable only in exchange for gold coins at par, and the outstanding fractional currency. This limitation on the issue will always keep the purchasing power of these coins in retail transactions equal to the standard money.

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The general situation of affairs with reference to silver and the supply and demand, is such as to furnish no reason to apprehend an appreciation in the value of that metal, sufficient to lift it out of circulation as against the greenback money.

A rise in the gold premium to twenty %, would be required to disturb the silver coins, and this would have to be a rise based on substantial reasons, as otherwise the foreign exchanges would decline in proportion to the artificial or arbitrary advance of the market, and silver could not be profitably exported.

To make myself clearly understood on this point, I will add, that the fluctuations in the gold premium are often the result of local manipulation by speculators who availing themselves of the large amount of cheap money in N. Y., obtain the control of all the gold coin on the market and force the premium to such point as may accomplish their purposes.

This advance being wholly artificial, soon causes the foreign exchanges to fall to a point where the importation of gold from London becomes practicable.

In further reply to this last inquiry, and as bearing generally upon the subject of a return to the specie basis in the United States, I beg to call your attention to the situation of monetary affairs in France, Germany, Belgium & the Netherlands.

In 1870, Germany enacted a law, the chief provisions of which were, the adoption of a new money of account, and the single standard of gold. This law contained provisions which continued for a time the then existing silver coins as effective money on the basis of

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a valuation of the two metals as 1 to 15½. The effect of this legislation has been to depreciate silver until the commercial relation of the two precious metals is as 1 to 18.

In France, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland, the double standard on the basis of 1 to 15½ prevails, silver being represented in the coinage, however, by one coin only, viz: the five franc 900 ‰ fine, - the pieces of less denomination having a fineness or purity of 835 thousandths.

Probably half of the coin and bullion in these countries is in five franc pieces, and silver bars and ingots.

For two years past these countries limited the five franc coinage to a total of about $26.000.000. for all, and the same limitation, it is reported, has been agreed upon for 1876. Holland has closed her mint against silver deposits, coining that metal only, on account of the state.

France has appointed Jan 1. 1878, for the full resumption of specie payments, and unless the situation with respect to silver changes, I do not see how she is to retain gold. It appears to me that she will have no other way out of this complication than by retaining the silver in her coffers, and issuing the gold. To this complication the delay of resumption by France is, no doubt, to be ascribed.

At all events, two different moneys - the one 16% more valuable intrinsically than the other, and both an unlimited tender, cannot circulate concurrently.

My conclusion is, that the retaining or accumulation of gold in the U. S. at the

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rate of $25.000.000. per annum, will not have an appreciable effect on its value, and that the silver is more likely to depreciate than appreciate in value.

Furthermore, a very moderate revival of business in this Country would tend decidedly to appreciate the paper currency, and lower the gold premium, as it is commonly termed.

Germany has recently taken decisive steps to completely demonetize silver, and thereby make room for the more valuable new National gold coins. Another year or two will no doubt remove the complications which have grown out of the change in the Germany monetary standard so far as that Empire is concerned, and if France resumes specie payment as contemplated, the active demand for gold which has existed since 1870 will cease.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Fred. Wolfertz, Esq.

Allentown, Pa.

March 3rd 1876.

Sir:

I have yours of the 1st inst. There are a number of coin dealers in Philadelphia. Mr. Hazeltine, Chesnut St., below the 12th could probably give you all the information you desire.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 3. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

With the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury I purchased on the 26th ult, from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, three hundred thousand ounces fine silver, and from the Bank of California, two hundred thousand ounces all to be delivered at your Mint, free of charge, at the rate of one hundred and seventeen cents per ounce fine, and to be paid for in coin drafts on Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

In order to enable you to make the payments as agreed upon, it will be necessary to place additional funds to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

It has been suggested that a portion of the gold coin you have on hand at Philadr. to the credit of the bullion fund say, $300.000, be transmitted by you to the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at N.Y. to be placed to your Official credit, and that a like amount be transferred from the Treasury, and placed to your official credit with the Assistant Treasurer at N. Y.

By pursuing this course your bullion fund would be increased only $300.000. I can see no objection to the course suggested, the expense for transportation of the coin from Philadelphia to New York would be paid from the appropriation for freight on bullion, &c.

According to the terms of our contracts with the sellers of the silver bullion, we must pay for the same by coin draft on New York, and this being the case, I do not see the

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necessity of your having so large a gold coin balance at Philadelphia. No action, however, until we have an expression of your views upon the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 3rd 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd inst., enclosing $9.85 coin, proceeds of an abraded Double Eagle, transmitted you on the 1st inst, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Floyd, Esq. — March 3rd 1876.
Chief Clerk, U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have yours of the 1st inst, enclosing the report of assays of two 5 mark pieces, and calling my attention to an error in the annual reports, as to the weight and value of the 5 mark coin.

The error no doubt originally arose from the coincidence referred to by you, of the 5 mark piece containing the same amount of fine silver, as our Dollar contains of standard. I am obliged to you, for calling my attention to it.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — March 4th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

A conference of Delegates from France, Italy, Switzerland & Belgium, was recently held in Brussels to fix the amt of silver to be coined at the Mints of those countries respectively for the year 1876. As the result arrived at by the Conference will have an important effect on the value of silver, it is important that we should have full information thereon as soon as practicable.

I respectfully recommend that the confidential Agent of the Department in London be written to at once, and instructed to send the desired information by cable, and to report in the same way, any change which may take place in the London price of silver, amounting to 1/2 pence, or more.

We should also be promptly advised in case steps are taken by any Government, in relation to silver likely to increase or decrease its use as money.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Frederick Eckfeldt, — March 3d 1876.

Mint, Carson, Nevada.

You must make thorough examination as to qualifications of Coiner and his principal workmen, and see that the coins are well executed. Stop at Lindell House, St. Louis, on your return where letters will be sent you.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Relative values of Gold and Silver in the coinage system of Countries of the gold standard.

Country	Rel. Coins. Gold	Rel. Coins. Silver	Pure Metal Gold grains	Pure Metal Silver grains	Relative Value.
Bogota	Peso	½ Peso	22.49	141.009	1 to 12½
Egypt	Pound	Piastre	115.50	14.298	1 to 12.3
England	Pound	Shilling	113.001	80.727	1 to 14.2
Germany	Mark	Mark	5.531	77.16	1 to 13.9
Portugal	1000 Reis	500 Reis	25.087	176.824	1 to 14.
Scandinavian Union	Crown	Crown	6.225	92.392	1 to 14.8
United States	Dollar	Dollar	23.22	347.22	1 to 14.95

Relative values of Gold and Silver in the coinage systems of Countries of the Silver Standard.

Country	Relative Coins. * Gold	Relative Coins. Silver	Pure Metal. Gold grains	Pure Metal. Silver grains	Relative Value.
Austria	Gulden	Florin	11.2006	171.466	1 to 15½
Mexico	Peso	Peso	22.8477	377.1718	1 to 16½
Netherlands	Gulden	Florin	9.3332	145.8324	1 to 15½
Russia	5 Rouble	Rouble	92.5713	277.7158	1 to 14½

* These countries issue a gold coin for commercial or trade purposes.

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Relative Values of Gold and Silver in the coinage systems of Countries of the double Standard.

Country	Relative Coins		Pure Metal		
	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Relative Value
Latin Union includes France, Italy, Belgium and Switzerland.	5 Francs	5 Francs	22.4012	347.22	1 to 15 1/2

All silver coins less than the 5 franc piece are subsidiary, and the relative valuation, based on such subsidiary coins, would be 1 to 13 2/10.

Hon. Samuel J. Randall

March. 4th. 1876.

Dear Sir:

Silver bullion was quoted yesterday in New York at 114 cents per ounce fine gold, which corresponds with 102 7/10 cents per ounce U. S. Standard. At this rate the silver coins are of the intrinsic or gold value of 82 7/10 cents to the dollar. Gold at the same time was quoted at 14 3/8 which made the greenback dollar worth 87 7/10 cents gold.

The difference between the gold value of the two currencies was therefore five cents to the dollar.

The gold value of the silver coins may be regarded as the value for export or for manufacture into plate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lalbranger, Esq. March 3. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I telegraphed you on the 2. inst. to "Repeat by telegraph Coinage for February", and sent you by mail a press copy of your dispatch as received at this Office.

I now enclose a press copy of the dispatch repeated as received at this Office, and which upon examination is found to be correct.

Upon comparison of the press copies you will find that there are two errors in the dispatch as first received at this Office.

When the Telegraph Company present their account, you will be careful to pay for only one message, as the errors were evidently made by the Company in transmitting.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. March 3. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200.000) in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the bullion fund of your mint to the treasurer of the U. S., in the following proportions as to denominations, viz:

Half Dollars — $50.000.
Dimes — $150.000.

The charges of transportation of the same to be paid by you from Silver Profit fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. E. G. Parsons

Me.

March 4th. 1876.

Sir:

I received today your letter of 2nd. inst. requesting a copy of Report of the Mint (Assay) Commissioners, test of the reserved coins of the year 1874.

The Assay Commission does not make a report, but minutes of its proceedings are made and signed in a book kept for that purpose, and which is in the custody of this Office. So much of the minutes as gives the results of the fineness and weight of the coins tested, including the reports to the Commission of the Committees on weighing and assaying, were printed in the appendix of my last Annual Report, a copy of which is sent herewith. Should this not furnish the information you desire, I will be glad to have you call at this Office, and after reading the minutes of the Commission, indicate such additional portions as you may desire.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

March 3d. 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office of a communication from the Hon. Secretary of State, enclosing a letter from the Spanish Minister, requesting for the use of his Government, a triplicate collection of the coins issued by the U. S. I transmit herewith three sets of the Gold, Silver, and Minor coins of the U. S, together with the bill for the same. The letter from the State Dept, with enclosure is herewith returned.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 4th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint, during the current month has been approved for the sum of $32.400. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	— 1876 —	3.400.
Wages of Workmen	— " —	21.000.
Contingent Expenses	— " —	8.000

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 4th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office, one proof set of silver and minor coins of 1876.
The bill should be made payable in currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Milton Jackson, Esq. — March 4th 1876.

801 Market St. Philad^a.

Sir:

I send you by this days mail, a copy of Mr. Raymond's last Report on the Mineral Resources west of the Rocky mountains.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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M. F. Bonzano, Esq. March 4th 1876.

Supt. New Orleans Mint.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month, has been approved for the sum of $555.95 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	— 1876	—	$298.10
Wages of Workmen	— "	—	257.85

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

M. F. Bonzano, Esq. March 4th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. E. Wilson, Esq. March 4th 1876.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

Will you please cause passes to the Treas. Dept. for the month of March instant, to be issued to the following named gentlemen in this Office, viz:

M. V. Davis
R. E. Preston.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 4th 1876.

Sir:

In view of the recent change in the Coiner's Office, and of employés, I think it very important that you should exercise more than ordinary precaution in order to secure the proper execution of the coinage, and if, on careful examination, you find any of the new employés not possessing the necessary skill, such changes should be made as will insure the issue of the coins in a proper condition.

While upon this subject, I would further state, that the Supt. with the aid of the Operative Officers should carefully examine as to the qualifications of every Assistant and workman in the Mint, and ascertain whether every care is exercised in the performance of their duties.

The unusual demand upon your Mint for coinage; renders this the more necessary.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

March 4th 1876.

While Mr. Eckfeldt is with you please examine as to the skill and careful attention to duty of all employés of your Mint.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 4th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3d inst, I have to state that I do not think it advisable that you should forward any other than fine silver to the Mint.

The complaints which were formerly made as to the unsatisfactory working of your special melts are again being repeated, and it is not desirable to have the controversy over again.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. M. Kenaday, Esq.

March 4th 1876.

Secretary Mex. Vet. Association

Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copies of letters from the Supt. and Engraver of the Philadelphia Mint, relative to furnishing the crossbars for the badges of your Association.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. O'Brien, Esq.

March 6th 1876.

18 Vanderbilt Ave, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

I have yours of the 4th inst. Mr. Edward Keegan, 408 State St. Brooklyn, can probably furnish you with the coins desired.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall — March 6th 1876.

Chairman Committee on Appropriations.

Sir:

I have examined the list of proposed appropriations for the U. S. Mints and Assay Offices, received from you today, and submit my views thereon as follows:

1st. Salary of Director of the Mint $4000. This is a reduction of $500. The salary of the Director has been $4500. since the organization of this Bureau, and was for several years before. It is less than the salary of the 1st and 2d. Comptroller of the Treasury, Comptroller of the Currency, Chief of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, and Supt. of the Coast Survey, all of which correspond with it in grade, and are in no sense superior to the responsibility in duties.

The salaries of the Computer of Bullion and Examiner are reduced $200. each. The salaries of these positions, $2200, were originally fixed lower than the principal clerks of the Treasury Dept, and not having been included in what is termed the "Kellogg amendment" of last session, the proposed reduction bears severely on the incumbents. It will leave their compensation from $600. to $800. less than the principal clerks in other Bureaus. I earnestly urge that this reduction may not be made, and I also request that in the place of one clerk of class two, there be inserted an Assay Clerk at $2000. This clerkship is at present filled by a gentleman thoroughly acquainted with assaying and metallurgy, and whose services cannot be retained at the present rate of compensation. I regard the services of such a person as indispensable to the efficient conducting of the

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business of this Office.

The amount proposed to be appropriated for Incidental Expenses, $700. is not sufficient.

The traveling expenses of the Director and the Examiner, in visiting and examining the various Mints, and in the annual settlements, are defrayed from this item. It should not be less than $1000.

Treating the proposed reduction of salaries at the various Mints and Assay Offices under one head, I beg to state, that it is not justified, when the fact is considered, that they are all below the rate of compensation paid to Federal Officers and Clerks in the various cities of the Union. They are all responsible positions requiring for the proper discharge of duties, men of character and ability. The proposed reduction will be a hardship to the Operative Officers, none of whom receive under existing laws over $3000. per annum. These positions require men of scientific education and long experience, and I most earnestly urge that the Committee will further consider this subject, and permit the salaries to stand as they are now fixed by law.

For Wages of Workmen at the Philadelphia Mint, I recommend that $225.000. be appropriated, and for Contingent Expenses, $60.000. These amounts will in my opinion be required to meet the demand for coinage at that Institution.

In respect to the appropriation for Wages of Workmen, and for Contingent Expenses at the Mint in San Francisco, I have to state that the amounts appropriated under those heads, will not be sufficient. A very large coinage of both Gold and Silver will be required at

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that Mint, and $250.000. for Wages of Workmen, and $85.000. for Contingent Expenses will be required.

The restriction as to the rate of compensation proposed by the Committee, may, I think, lead to some confusion, inasmuch as it may in some cases prevent us from commanding the qualifications and character necessary in the manipulations of the precious metals.

The Mint regulations are very strict as to the allowance of compensation, only where actual service is performed. I am not aware of any departure from this regulation.

Coinage at Carson should in my opinion be continued. Within about fourteen miles of that city, are located the most productive and extensively worked mines of the world, and a certain amount of coin is required in the payment of the thousands of laborers employed in the mining business. If coinage at that point be discontinued, the bullion will have to be sent to San Francisco, and brought back in the form of coin, which will involve the expense of transportation to and from San Francisco.

No reduction should be made in the Estimates as originally submitted for Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses at the New York Assay Office. A recent personal examination of that Institution enables me to say that the force employed there, is such only as is actually required for the work to be performed. The principal business of that establishment is refining, parting and bar making, and for the expenses of which charges or deductions from the depositors bullion are made sufficient to cover the same.

The regular official organization only, is an

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expense not returned to the Government.

In making the foregoing statements and requests, I have been governed only by a sense of duty, and the desire to have the Mint Establishment maintained in its present efficient condition, and which is necessary to enable the coinage to be promptly and properly executed.

No appropriation appears to be contemplated by the Committee for meeting the expenses of parting and refining bullion at the San Francisco Mint. Until the recent equipment of a refinery in the new Mint, the Government had no remedy but to have the parting and refining done by an Establishment conducted by private enterprise.

After the month of April next, the amount of parting and refining to be done at San Francisco, will not be less than $6.000.000. per month, and the capacity of the private refinery is not equal to more than half that amount. As the bullion cannot be coined without parting, I think it important that provision be made for parting and refining at the San Francisco Mint to its full capacity, at least for the next fiscal year.

The profits on refining by private enterprise are scarcely sufficient to amount to a fair rate of interest for money, on the Pacific Coast, and consequently no other private works are likely to be constructed, nor the capacity of the existing works increased, unless the Government should clearly announce as its policy for the future to exclude refining from the Mints.

Should Congress decide to adopt this policy, it will still be necessary for the next

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Government to refine during the next fiscal year. If it should be finally decided not to make a specific appropriation for parting and refining at the San Francisco Mint, I recommend that the amendment I handed you today, and which authorizes the application of the moneys accruing from parting and refining charges, to the payment of expenses thereof, be incorporated in the Appropriation Bill.

By the word "refining" in this communication is meant the expulsion of base metals from bullion by melting and fluxing, and by the word "parting" is meant the separation of Gold and Silver where those metals exist together in the same bullion.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. S. J. Randall, March 6th 1876.

Dear Sir:

I have read the letter of W. P. Chase, enclosed me by you, and answer as follows:

1. In originally recommending the coinage of the Trade Dollar, I specifically stated, that it should not be made a legal tender.

2. Neither myself as Director, nor even the President, can control the Trade Dollar coinage. Depositors have the privilege by law, to have Trade Dollars coined.

3. As soon as the depreciation of Silver has reached a point where the public was likely to be injured by the circulation of the Trade Dollar, I called the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury to the fact, and

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recommended the repeal of the legal tender of this coin. The Secretary sent my letter, with his approval to the Finance Committee of the Senate.

4. The Japanese have silver coins for exchange, viz: the Half Yen; and a 25.10 and 5 cent piece. Yen

5. The British Mint (London) coin decimal divisions of the Hong Kong dollar, and they are going into circulation in certain parts of China quite freely. Samples of these coins have been recently furnished me by our Legation at Pekin.

6. Your correspondent knowing my position with reference to the legal tender question, had no right to suppose that I would favor making divisions of that coin, legal tender.

The glut of silver in California is due to causes, over which I have no control, and may be briefly explained in this way. The issue of forced legal tender paper money by the United States, soon expelled the gold and silver coin from circulation. California adhered to the gold basis. The silver coins being overvalued, - that is to say, their nominal value was in excess of their bullion value, - found the best market in California, where they circulated at par concurrently with gold. This was the first difficulty.

After the failure of the Bank of California last summer, and the destruction of the Mills and hoisting works at Virginia City, by fire, there was a great scarcity of gold coin, and to bridge over, depositors availed themselves of the right to have Trade Dollars coined. They were coined in excess of the demand for export, and on the return of gold coin, they

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are found to be inconvenient.

Your correspondent, if he reads the newspapers, should have known all this, and that I am an advocate of maintaining the single gold standard, which carries with it the issue of silver coins, subsidiary in their character, and to the extent only which may be necessary to meet the requirements of the public for change.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. S. J. Randall

March 6th. 1876.

Dear Sir:

I have carefully considered the question presented in the letter of Mr. E. Evans, as to the issue of two coins of the same metal, so nearly alike in size, as the Quarter Dollar and Twenty Cent piece.

For the purpose of rendering the Twenty Cent piece readily distinguishable by the touch, I directed it to be coined with a smooth edge, all the other silver, and also the gold coins, having a milled edge.

Only a small quantity of Twenty Cent pieces have been coined, and we can restrict their coinage in future, or until the question of which coin is best to retain, can be determined.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall. March 6th 1876.

Dear Sir:

In further reply to your inquiries relative to the silver question, I have to inform you that we now have the result of the Silver Convention, recently held at Brussels, Belgium.

The Convention fixed the limit of the silver coinage for 1876, for the countries named, as follows:

France	francs	54.000.000.
Italy		36.000.000.
Belgium		11.000.000.
Switzerland		7.000.000
		108.000.000.

of which 30.000.000. francs have already been coined by France, leaving 78.000.000. francs as the amount which may be coined during the balance of this year.

The amount of silver required for this coinage will not exceed fifteen millions of dollars, which is a mere trifle compared with the supplies likely to come in the market.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 6th. 1876

Sir:

Referring to the "Silver Profit and Loss a/c" of your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1875, I have to request that you will explain the necessity for the entries on the credit side "For the profit on the uncoined balances of Silver Bullion, credited per contra, now adjusted to average cost," amounting to $66.415.57 thereby changing the value of the balances of Silver Bullion remaining in the hands of the Superintendent, Melter and Refiner & Coiner, from the Coining to the average cost value.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 6th. 1876.

Sir:

The proposition contained in your letter of the 4th inst, to award one half (10.000. lbs) of the quantity of copper recently advertised for by you to Messrs. Pope Cole & Co., at 22.58 cents per pound, is approved by this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 6th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter of the 4th inst., you are hereby authorized to coin $300.000. in Double Eagles, in order to make up the sum of $600.000. which it is proposed you send to New York to be deposited to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. in that City, to enable you to make payment for the fine silver recently purchased for manufacture into Subsidiary Silver coin, at your Mint.

In order to avoid all risk on your part in sending the coin to New York, if you will notify this office when you are ready to ship the same, I will have the Secretary of the Treasury authorize and direct you to forward $600.000. of money belonging to your bullion fund, and place the same to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. H. La Grange, Esq. — March 6th 1876.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th ult., transmitting detailed Statement of Doré Silver, purchased under authority of this Office, dated January 5th 1876, is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. John A. Dix

New York.

March 6th 1876.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 4th inst, inquiring how much Gold and Silver, in the proportions needed for a circulating medium, the Mints now in operation in the United States, are capable of coining in one year.

I estimate the annual coining capacity of the present Mint establishment, as follows:

	Gold	Value
Eagles	2.000.000.	$20.000.000.
Half Eagles	2.800.000	14.000.000.
Dr. Eagles	5.600.000.	14.000.000.
Dollars	6.000.000	6.000.000
Total	16.400.000.	54.000.000.
	Silver.	
Trade Dollars	6.000.000.	$6.000.000.
Half Dollars	10.000.000.	5.000.000.
Quarter Dollars	20.000.000.	5.000.000.
Dimes	30.000.000.	3.000.000.
Total	66.000.000.	19.000.000.
	Minor	
5 Cents	4.000.000.	$200.000.
3 Cents	6.666.666.	200.000.
Cents	20.000.000	200.000.
Total	30.666.666.	600.000.
Total pieces	113.066.666.	Value $73.600.000.

Before any considerable quantity of the smaller denominations of Gold coin are likely to be required for the purpose of circulation, Silver will, it is probable, be coined at a larger rate than stated in the estimate, and after a sufficient quantity of silver coin shall have been fabricated Gold coin could of course be coined to a larger extent, than stated in the Estimate.

Very respectfully, H. R. Linderman

Director

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O. H. Lafrange, Esq.

March 6th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received from Frederick Eckfeldt, Esq. a report of the condition of the Cashier's vault of your Mint as shown by actual count February 26th 1876.

In the report of Mr. Eckfeldt the following entry occurs, viz:

"Advanced Pacific Refinery" $80.000.

I will thank you for an explanation of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

March 7th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information and guidance copy of a letter of this date to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco. From the small size of your vaults and the extent of your operations on silver, I fear that you are labouring under the same difficulty as that of the San Francisco Mint.

Meanwhile the utmost vigilance must be exercised to insure the safety of the bullion.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 7th 1876.

Supt. Philadelpa. Mint.

Sir:

Referring to the "Coiner's Three Pcs." of your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1875, I find, that the loss by the coinage of ozs. 6015. 11 3d planchets into coin amounted to $187. 24

I will thank you to explain how this loss occurred.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 7th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadpa.

Sir:

Enclosed please find two and 40/100 dollars, in payment for Silver proof set received this morning.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Col. Berton — March 7th 1876.

Cosmopolitan Hotel
New York.

At the Treasury Department in this City at any time which may suit your convenience.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lafrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 7th 1876.

Sir:

Mr Frederick Eckfeldt calls my attention to the fact that more or less bullion is left overnight outside of the vaults in the operative depts. I think this subjects the Mint to risks of loss of bullion, to which we should not be exposed, especially as the regulations require all bullion to be placed in the vaults at the conclusion of each days work. Until the vault facilities of your Mint are increased sufficiently, it will be necessary for you to restrict the operations on bullion to an extent which will render it practicable for all bullion to be placed in the vaults over night.

As soon as your plan and estimate for additional vault facilities are received, immediate steps will be taken to provide the necessary increase of vault room. Meanwhile the utmost vigilance must be exercised to ensure the safety of the bullion

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

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Submit immediately by mail plans and estimate of cost for necessary additional vault facilities for operative offices.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 7th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month, has been approved for the sum of $26.689 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	—	$2.189.
Wages of Workmen	"	—	22.500.
Contingent Expenses	"	—	2.000.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers
Philadelphia.

March 7th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, made out in proper form, accounts for your expenses in connection with the Refinery at San Francisco, and for expenses incurred in visiting and inspecting the several sites proposed for a new Mint in the West.

It has been found necessary to make two accounts instead of the one heretofore rendered by you, and in order to save you the trouble, I have caused the accounts to be made out in proper form, and will thank you to verify them before a Notary Public, and return to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Saml J. Randall — March 7th 1876.

Chairman Com. on Appropriations.

Sir:

Should provision be made in the Legislative Appropriation Bill for defraying the expenses of refining and parting bullion, by the application of the charges imposed and collected, the Appropriation for Wages of Workmen at the New York Assay Office, may be reduced to $25.000, and for Contingent Expenses to $10.000.

A considerable reduction could also be made in the original estimates of the Carson Mint, provided it should be determined to continue coinage thereat, and which I think important for the public interests.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The moneys accruing from the refining and parting charge were applied to the expense of those operations from the organization of the Mint down to 1868. In case provision to that end should be now made, the parting charge will be carried to the ordinary fund, and disbursed according to the requirements of law.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr — March 7th 1876.

1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter received at this Office from Frederick Eckfeldt, in relation to the "Ajax Press."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

March 7th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office of a communication from the Hon. Thomas M. Patterson, enclosing House Bill No. 656 – also a proposed substitute therefor – authorizing the purchase of gold bullion at the Denver Mint, and payment of the same by draft, or coin certificate.

Gold bullion received at the said Mint is melted, assayed and returned to the depositor in stamped bars. The proposition is, for the United States to purchase bars, and pay their net value in drafts or coin certificates.

If favorable action is to be taken on this subject, I think the substitute is decidedly preferable to the Bill. I can see no objection to the passage of the substitute, provided the Secretary should deem it expedient to issue coin certificates at that Mint redeemable at the Treasury in New York. There would be deducted from the gross value of the bullion the Mint charges, and a charge for transportation to New York. The bullion thus purchased would from time to time have to be transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia for coinage.

The small percentage of silver contained in the gold, would have to be included in the purchase at a rate fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint, under the provisions of section 3520 page 489, revised Statutes of the United States.

The policy of using coin notes for the purchase of gold bullion, is one which must be decided by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary Tr. Treasury

March 7th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of O. H. Lafrange Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco for the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (18.750.) on account of the Coinage of Silver for the Redemption of Fractional Currency during the current month, as provided in "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments approved January 14th 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.

Charlotte, N. C.

March 7th 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3d inst, I have to state that no estimate was submitted by this Office for an appropriation to reopen the Assay Office at Charlotte, for the reason that Congress at the last Session declined to make an appropriation for the current fiscal year, thereby declaring that it should be closed.

While I would be pleased to see the Assay Office at Charlotte reopened, the necessary steps in that direction must be taken by your delegation in Congress.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Messrs. J. & W. Seligman March 7th 1876.
New York.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 3d inst, enclosing memorandum of the result of the Brussels Convention, permit me to thank you for your courtesy in furnishing the desired information.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Tremmer, Esq. March 7th 1876.
710 Market St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The small balance ordered by the late Comptroller Batcop for the use of the San Francisco Mint, you will forward to that Mint carefully packed, and send your bill in duplicate with Bill Lading to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. March 8th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S. Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, the account of the Treasy Dept. for Stationery & blanks, furnished for the use of your Mint, amounting to $132.95, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the U. S. Mint at Carson, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

March 8th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $15.650.– from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	— 1876 —	$2.050.
Wages of Workmen	— " —	7.000.
Contingent Expenses	— " —	6.600.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

March 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S., in your favor, for the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8.000.) on account of the coinage of silver for the redemption of fractional currency, during the current month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Frederick Eckfeldt,
Cor Mint San Francisco.

March 8th 1876.

No further instructions except what you will find at Carson.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lafgrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

March 8th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ult, enclosing detailed statement of Doré bullion purchased at 120 1/2 cents per ounce fine for the silver contained, authorized from this office Jany 13th and not Jany 27th, as stated in your letter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafgrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor, for the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars ($18,750) on account of the coinage of silver for the redemption of fractional currency, during the current month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafgrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

March 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Mrs. Ada Fairfax, Adjuster in the Coiners' Dept, of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 8th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill & Bill Lading for 5 Boxes Pure Nitric Acid shipped your Mint by Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons, on the 24th ult.

Payment of the account of Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons has been authorized to be made from the appropriation for the Coinage of Silver for Redemption of Fractional Currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons
Philadelphia. Pa.

March 8th 1876.

Gentlemen:

Your account for Pure Nitric Acid, shipped the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco on the 24th ult, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount $91.15 will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Messrs. Cooper, Jones & Cadbury
Philadelphia. Pa.

March 8th 1876.

Gentlemen:

Your acct for copper canisters furnished the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 8th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th ult., enclosing copies of correspondence between the Treasurer of the United States and yourself, relative to certain debits and credits made by you in your bullion fund account, I would state in reply that it must not be lost sight of that your bullion fund is composed of moneys actually in the Treasury of the U. S., and that it can only be increased or decreased by a transfer from or to the Treasury, and as a matter of fact, the gold coin paid out by you is replaced in the bullion fund by the silver bullion purchased.

In your transcript as rendered to the Treasurer on the 19th ult., you credit him with the sum of $65.052.22, as the value of silver bullion from Nevada Bank, and debit him with $61.799.61, the amount of your check on Assistant Treasurer at New York, as part payment for silver purchased, making a credit difference in your account of $3.252.61, which amount does not belong to the bullion fund, but is a balance due the Nevada Bank.

You should only credit and debit the bullion fund with the amount transferred from, and to the Treasury. Nothing beyond what is shown by the books of the Treasurer as a transfer to the bullion fund can be regarded as a part of it, and any discrepancy in the same must be made good from Profit and Loss account, or by an appropriation made by Congress.

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The amount of your bullion fund is kept on the Books of the Treasury as so many dollars, no distinction being made as to how much of it is gold, or how much silver, but to enable the Department to know just how much of the fund was gold and how much silver, you were requested sometime since to keep your accounts in such shape as to be able at all times to state the amount of gold and silver respectively; and it affords me pleasure to state that the account is so kept, that if necessary you are able to determine the amounts of gold & silver respectively at an hour's notice.

As to the fear verbally expressed by you some days since of being called upon at some future time to show what disposition was made of the gold coin transferred to your bullion fund, you have only to turn to your accounts, and show the amount of silver bullion purchased, the price paid for the same, and the amount of subsidiary silver coin transferred to the Treasurer of the U. S., and you have an answer that would satisfy a committee however skeptical.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — March 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith check drawn by J. W. Denver for $150., in payment for 500 badges for the Mexican Veteran Association. The balance due on the bill will be forwarded in a few days.

You will be kind enough to forward the balance of the order, without the roller, Mr. Henaday having contracted for the bronze cross bar, and all the wire work, in this City.

Please acknowledge receipt of check.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst, requesting authority to transfer $278.000. in one dollar gold pieces to the Assistant Treasurer at New York, as part of $600.000. of the Mint bullion fund to be used in paying for fine silver purchased, I have to state that after a conference with Treasury Officials, that I do not think it advisable at present to pay these coins out.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, the account of the Treasury Department for Stationery and blanks furnished you, amounting to $461.37, also the accounts of M. V. Davis $18.04 and John Jay Knox $22.25, for expenses incurred in attending the meeting of the Annual Assay Commission, payment of the same to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of James Crawford, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev., for the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8,000) on account of the Coinage of Silver for the Redemption of Fractional Currency during the current month, as provided in "An Act to provide for the resumption of specie payments", approved January 14th 1876."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 8th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, the account of the Treasury Dept., for stationery and blanks, furnished your Office, amounting to $111.77 payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses U. S. Assay Office N. Y. for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 8th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The bills of Messrs. Sutton & Co. for freight on, and of Messrs. Lawrence for storage of, 177 lbs. specie from the San Francisco Mint, enclosed in your letter of the 7th inst, have been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business, drafts for the amounts will be transmitted.

I return herewith the ware-house receipt, issued by Lawrence & Co, and endorsed as requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. F. L. Scherrmer, Esq.

March 8th 1876.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver Mint.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $2476.00, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	—	1876 —	$659.08
Wages of Workmen	—	" —	1.317.00
Contingent Expenses		" —	500.—

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 8th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday, enclosing Statement of Silver Workings in the Coiner's Dept., during the month of February last.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Mch. 9th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed please find vouchers signed by Mr. Henaday, for the 500 Mexican badges.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 9th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Dept. for examination and settlement, your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1875.

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst, explaining the necessity of certain entries in your Silver Profit and Loss &c in order that the profit on the silver coinage of the quarter might be arrived at, I have to say, that in order to prevent the adjustment of balances each quarter which this will necessitate, it seems to me, that it would be better to carry the balance of Silver uncoined at its coin value, until the annual settlement at the close of the fiscal year, when you would receive credit for the balance uncoined, and the adjustment between its cost & coin value.

With regard to paying into the Treasury the profits as closely as possible, I should think that the difference between the cost and nominal value of the silver coinage of the quarter, would be the proper amount to deposit, and could be arrived at without the adjustments referred to.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco

March 9th 1876.

Will arrange with Adams Express for transportation of coin from St. Louis to New Orleans.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. A. Breneman, Esq.

March 9th 1876.

Asst. Prof. App. Chem.
Ithaca, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Office, and in reply, I take pleasure in mailing to your address a copy of my first Annual Report 1873 for the fiscal year ending June, 30 1875. I regret to inform you that my supply for the year 1874 has been quite exhausted, and I am therefore unable to send you a copy of it.

All reports relative to Mint affairs previous to the year 1873, (date of the Coinage Act) will be found in the Finance Reports of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Benzano, Esq.

March 9th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of February, 1876, and have this day referred the same to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon — March 9th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion Account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the fourth quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon — March 9th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense acct of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month of February 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Son. — March 10th 1876.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me whether you are prepared to furnish chemically pure Nitric Acid to the U. S. Assay Office at New York, at the same price charged for that shipped to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, viz: 17 cents per oz.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

March 10th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I send you herewith a copy of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation Bill, as reported by the Committee on Appropriations. Please examine so much of the same as embraces the amounts proposed to be appropriated under the several heads, for the support of your Mint.

Your attention is invited to the provision on page 36, for applying the charges for parting and refining, to the full payment of the expense thereof. So far as your Estimates were predicated upon the expenses of those operations being defrayed from the regular appropriations, they may be modified accordingly.

I will thank you to immediately submit your views as to what amendments may in your opinion be required to enable your Mint to transact its business properly, comply with the regulations and meet the work required of it. It is my intention to endeavor to have such amendments as may be absolutely necessary, made in the Senate.

You will perceive that the Bill contains a limitation as to the per diem rate or compensation of employés in the operative depts. of your Mint, and that payment shall be made only for actual service.

This limitation or provision implies that the rate of compensation at your Mint is higher than it should be, and that employés have been paid without rendering actual service.

I will be obliged to you for a full statement of facts on these two points, and as to what the effect may be in preventing us from obtaining the services of persons of sufficient skill & character for the higher branches of mechanism and manipulation at your Mint.

Very respectfully, H. R. Linderman - Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 10th 1876.

Sir:

I send you herewith a copy of the Legislative Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill, as reported by the Committee on Appropriations. Please examine so much of the same as embraces the amounts proposed to be appropriated under the several heads, for the support of your Institution.

Your attention is invited to the provision on page 36, for applying the charges for parting and refining, to the full payment of the expenses thereof. So far as your estimates were predicated upon the expenses of those operations being defrayed from the regular appropriations, they may be modified accordingly.

I will thank you to immediately submit your views, as to what amendments may in your opinion be required, to enable your Institution to transact its business properly, comply with the regulations, and meet the work required of it.

It is my intention to endeavor to have such amendments as may be absolutely necessary, made in the Senate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

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J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq.

March 10th 1876.

Assayer, Mint, U. S.
Denver.

Sir:

I send herewith a copy of the Appropriation Bill, as reported by the Committee.

You will please examine so much of the Bill as relates to your Mint, and immediately submit your views as to what amendments may be necessary to enable your Mint to transact its business properly, comply with the regulations, and meet the work required of it.

It is my intention to endeavor to have such amendments as may be absolutely necessary, made in the Senate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq.

March 10th 1876.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver.

Sir:

I have examined your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of February 1876, and referred the same to the Accounting Officers for adjustment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I return herewith Voucher No. 34, of your Ordinary Expense Acct, for the month of February, 1876, bill of H. G. Torrey for expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay Commission at Philadelphia, the same not being payable from your Contingent Fund.

You will please withdraw the Voucher from your Acct, and make the necessary changes on the "% current" and "Abstract of Contingent Expenses," which are herewith returned for that purpose.

It will be necessary for Mr. Torrey to render a bill prepared according to the provisions of Dept. Circular No. 74 (a copy of which is herewith enclosed), which being receipted, and properly certified to, you will forward to this Office for settlement from the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Philadelphia Mint for the current fiscal year.

I also return for affidavit, bill of H. G. Torrey for expenses incurred in attending Conference at the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Henry Sanford, Esq.

March 15th 1876.

Genl. Supt. Adams Express Co.
New York.

Sir:

Transfers of subsidiary silver coin, amounting in the aggregate to $500.000. have been directed to be made from the Mints at San Francisco and Carson to Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New Orleans, and which Wells Fargo & Co., will deliver to your Company at St. Louis.

I will thank you to instruct your Agent at St. Louis to receive and forward this coin to New Orleans.

The charges for transportation of the amount above mentioned are payable in silver coin, and I will thank you to cause your account to be forwarded direct to this Office in order that the necessary instructions may be given to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, for the prompt payment of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. J. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

March 15th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the ordinary Expense Acct of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col., for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. M. Henaday Esq.

March 10th 1876.

525 Sixth St.

Washington D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of letter from Supt. Pollock, enclosing bill of R. F. Moffitt, for soldering bars on 800 badges, $48.00. I also enclose bill of Mr. Moffitt, for $54. Be kind enough to send check for the total amount $102.00

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 11th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to Voucher No. 56. of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of February 1876. I have to request that you will furnish receipted bills of the Caterer for "serving dinner and lunch for Assay Commissioners, Feby 9th, 10th & 11th", for which the sum of $68.26 is charged; also, receipted bill for "cases for assay medals" for which the sum of $18.75 is charged. Also, receipted bill for the item of $8.00 for "Hire of chairs".

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Arthur Orr,

March 11th 1876.

13th & Callowhill Sts. Philad.a

Meet me at Girard House tomorrow morning.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — March 13th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed please find check drawn by J. W. Denver, for one hundred and two dollars $102., in payment of Mr. Moffitt's bills for rollers, &c., for the Mexican badges.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock, — March 11th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, a copy of a letter received at this office from the Cashier of the Nevada Bank, of San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. James C. Pollock — March 11th 1876.
U. S. Mint, Philad.a
Meet me at Girard House this evening seven o'clock.- Sell Snowden.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. R. E. Rogers, — March 11th 1876.
1004 Walnut St.
Philad. Pa.
Please call at Girard about seven o'clock this evening.
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 11th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst, enclosing detailed Statement of the settlement of the accounts of Mr. Babcock, late Coiner of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint. March 11th 1876.
San Francisco.

What experience has Geiglingen had in the Coining Department.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers. March 11th 1876.
1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst, enclosing your accounts in connection with the equipment of the Refinery in the new Mint at San Francisco, and for expenses incurred in visiting the several sites proposed for a new Mint in the West, is received.

Your accounts have been approved and referred to the accounting Officers, for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

March 11th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Official Bond of Levi Dague, Coiner at your Mint, transmitted on the 4th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. D. Pursell, Esq.
Washington, C. H.
Ohio.

March 11th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst, with check for $25. has been referred to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, who will forward to you the coins requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

R. W. Raymond, Esq.
U. S. Comm'r Mining Statistics
New York.

March 13th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst, making requisition for three thousand five hundred ($3.500.) has been approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
W. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, March 13th 1876.
San Francisco.

You will have to pay rates for subsidiary asked by Wells Fargo.

M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

O. H. Lafarange, Esq. March 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram, sent you this day, in response ~~to~~ yours of the 11th inst., stating that Wells Fargo & Co., had increased their rates for transporting subsidiary silver coin to one and a half per cent, is hereby made official:

"You will have to pay rates for subsidiary, asked by Wells Fargo."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

O. H. Lafarange, Esq. March 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to the fact, that two daily statements, made up on the new forms sent you sometime since, have been received at this office, in neither of which, the items composing the balance on hand is shown. It is necessary that this office should have the information asked for, and for which the form of daily statement was altered, in order to answer the resolutions and inquiries incidental to a Congressional Session. Be kind enough to see hereafter, that the forms are properly made up.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Act'g Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 13th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

Referring to Voucher #36 of your Ordinary Account for February bill of Geo. A. Erkenbrach, for acid, I find that you are paying 27¢ per ounce for C. P. Nitric Acid.

I enclose herewith a copy of a communication from Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons, manufacturing chemists of Philadelphia, offering to furnish your Office with the same at 17¢ per ounce.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons have supplied the Mints at San Francisco and Carson City with acid for some months past, and it has always given satisfaction.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. James Pollock

March 13th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Mr. John Sherman, Jr., one of the Commissioners to the last Annual Assay, called here this morning, and stated that he had not received an Assay Medal, having left the Mint before the Medals were distributed. Will you be kind enough to forward one to him, or to this Office, to be delivered to him.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

March 13th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., enclosing Statement of the Earnings and Expenditures of the Refinery of your Mint, from July 1875, to Jany 1876, inclusive.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer, Boise City, Idaho.

March 13th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office, for the current month has been approved for the sum of $638.70, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$425.80
Wages of Workmen	"	127.70
Contingent Expenses	"	85.20

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

March 13th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your Accmnt of Ordinary Expenses for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson. Nev.

March 14th 1876.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint that he holds, subject to your draft, the following amounts being proceeds of Assay Coins, 1875, viz:

In gold coin	$2.605.00
" Trade Dollars	798.00
" Subsidiary silver coin	515.40
Total gold and silver	3.918.40

Owing to the fact that Wells Fargo & Co., will only contract to transport to St. Louis the $200.000. in subsidiary silver coin ordered to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint to the Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans, we are compelled to make arrangements to pay Adams Express Company for the transportation of this sum from St. Louis to New Orleans, and which is properly payable from the "Silver Profit Fund" of your Mint, and as they would not be willing to receive payment at Carson, I think it best that for the present you draw upon the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint for the gold coin only, allowing the silver to remain in his custody to enable us to pay the Adams Express Company the amount of their account for the transportation of the coin referred to, and when paid the vouchers will be forwarded to you in order that you may debit silver profit fund with the amount, and to that extent reimburse silver coinage for assay coins 1875.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Actg Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 14th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am advised by the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, that he holds subject to your order the following amounts as proceeds of Assay coins, 1875.

In gold coin — —	$24.682.50
" Trade Dollars — —	2.433.00
" Subsidiary Silver coin — —	2.309.00

Also the proceeds of samples of Doré silver received from you for special assay, viz:

In gold coin — —	$19.26
" subsidiary silver coin.	" 32.09

making the total amounts of gold and silver coin in his hands subject to your order as follows:

Gold coin — — —	$24.701.76
Trade Dollars and subsidiary S. C.	3.758.19

Owing to the fact that Wells Fargo & Co will only contract to transport to St. Louis the $300.000. in subsidiary Silver coin ordered to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint to the Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans, it necessitates our making arrangements to pay Adams Express Company for transportation of this sum from St. Louis to New Orleans, and which is properly payable from the "Silver Profit Fund" of your Mint, and as it is not at all probable that they would be willing to receive payment at San Francisco, I think it best that for the present you draw upon the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint for the gold coin only, allowing the silver to remain in his custody to enable us to

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pay the Adams Express Company the amount of their account for the transportation of the coin referred to, and when paid the vouchers will be forwarded to you in order that you may debit your "Silver Profit Fund" with the amount, and to that extent reimburse Silver Coinage for assay coins of 1875 restored.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

A. Walters, Esq. March 14th 1876.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir:

I have examined your a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the month of February, 1876, and have referred the same to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon March 14th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the a/c of Ordinary Expenses at the U. S. Assay Office Boise City, during the month of February 1876.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, March 14th 1876.
Carson, Nev.

Ship coin by Wells Fargo - to St. Louis. We have arranged with Adams Express from that point to New Orleans.

M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

L. R. Hofer, Esq. March 14th 1876.
Actg Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Ship Coin by Wells, Fargo & Co. to St. Louis. We have arranged with Adams Express from that point to New Orleans."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock March 15th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith, I transmit for your information, a copy of a letter addressed this day to the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esq.

March 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

After full consideration of the subject of sending from your Office to the Philadelphia Mint, other than fine silver for coining purposes, I have concluded that it will be best not to send any more bars, known as 'special melts.' This will not, however, exclude bars resulting from the melt of foreign coins of 900 and above.

The experience of the Mint clearly shows, that these special melt bars, being as I understand a mixture of different grades of bullion, cannot be relied upon for satisfactory results in coining.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 15th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith check #49 drawn by the Spanish Minister, Mr. Mantilla to my order for $150.90, in payment for three sets of proof coins of the United States. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 15th, 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your monthly statements of Deposits and Purchases, Gold & Silver of domestic production, and bars prepared during February last.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — March 15th, 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I return herewith the Official Bond of Levi Dague, Coiner at your Mint, executed in the sum of $20,000.-, the same not being considered safe, for the reason that the sureties with one exception, base their responsibility wholly upon stocks of goods in trade, and it is doubtful whether the penalty could be made out of the property represented.

Unless the sureties named in the Bond can make affidavit to the ownership of property possessing a more permanent value than that specified, it will be necessary for Mr. Dague to prepare a new Bond, and blank forms for that purpose are herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow March 15th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office of a letter from the Hon. Secretary of State under date of the 10th inst, enclosing Check No. 49, drawn by Mr. Mantilla, the Spanish Minister, to my order on Riggs & Co, for $150.90 in payment for a triplicate collection of the coins of the United States.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Flood and O'Brien March 15th 1876.

San Francisco.

State by telegraph your maximum monthly capacity for parting bullion from Virginia and California mines at both your Refineries.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. W. S. Holman March 15th 1876.

House of Representatives.

You will find the information in detail on pages eleven to thirteen of my last Annual Report. I will send statement as to cost in greenbacks of the fractional silver money as requested.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 15th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have instructed the Supts of the Carson and San Francisco Mints to draw upon you for the proceeds of the gold coins of 1875, received, and forwarded by them for the annual assay; the silver to remain in your hands for the payment of certain charges for transportation of silver coin, and in reference to which you will be instructed hereafter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. — March 15th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of Francis S. Hall, Machinist in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Frederick Eckfeldt — Mch. 15th 1876.
Mint, Carson, Nevada.

When your official duties are completed return home via St. Louis. Need not wait for Hayward.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. William Wardburn
House of Representatives.

Please call at Office of Director of the Mint, tomorrow morning.

H. R. Linderman — Director.

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J. R. Hoper, Esq.
Actg Supt.
Carson.

March 16th 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 8th inst, relative to calculating the value of silver in Fine and Unparted Bars, I have to say that there was nothing contained in my letter of the 25th ult, which related to the stamping of Bars. If depositors desire their Silver Bars stamped at $1.16 4/10 there is no objection to doing so, provided it is so stated on the stamp.

What we desire is, that in rendering your Quarterly Bullion Accounts, as a matter of convenience to obviate the necessity for frequent adjustment of silver values and to secure uniformity in our Mint Accounts, you will calculate the value of the silver in Deposits for Fine and Unparted Bars at the Coining rate $1.244168.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

March 16th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Acct for the month of February 1876, also your Y/C of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin for the same period.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

March 16th 1876.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the Daily Statement from your Mint of the 7th inst, The items composing the Silver balances on hand, are not shown as required by the instructions from this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

March 16th 1876.

Running continuously to your full refining capacity, one month with another, will two cents per ounce gross cover the expenses of parting Comstock bullion as required by law. Examine carefully so as to be certain. Reply by telegram.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Mch. 16th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Official Oath of S. Smith, Jr., Helper in the Coiner's Dept, of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 16th 1876.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize you to forward and place to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, $600.000. in gold coin, the same being a part of your bullion fund and to be used in payment of silver purchased for delivery at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

March 16th 1876.

Sir:

If it should become necessary to part Comstock bullion at your Office, we should know what amount you can part monthly, running to your full capacity, and parting at the same time such gold bullion and partible silver bullion as may be received from depositors.

2d. Is the present rate of charge, 1½ cents per ounce gross, sufficient to cover the expense of parting Comstock bullion containing 200 ft, or less of gold.

Please answer by telegraph as early tomorrow as practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lalgrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 16th 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction, the official bond of Mr. Arthur Fieglingen, as Assistant Coiner at your Mint, the same being imperfect in the form of obligation.

It is not necessary to state under this head by whom appointed, nor is it proper to state as a condition of the obligation that the office is held at the pleasure of any person.

I enclose herewith a pencil memorandum, which I think preferable to that in the Bond.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lalgrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 16th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of J. Strohm, Machinist, in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lalgrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

March 16th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing Statements for the month of February last.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

March 16th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

By the terms of the agreement with the sellers of the fine silver recently purchased for delivery at the Philadª Mint, the Supt. is required to pay for the same by coin draft on New York and to enable him to do so, it is necessary that funds should be placed to his credit with the Assist. Treasurer in that City.

The Supt. has on hand at Philadª about $1.400.000. in gold coin, belonging to the bullion fund, which amount is in excess of that required for use in that city, and to avoid an increase of the bullion fund by a transfer from the Treasurer, the amount of which it would be necessary to place to the credit of the Supt. with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, I respectfully request that you will authorize the Supt. of the Philadª Mint, to forward and place to his credit with the Assist. Treasurer at New York, the sum of $600.000. in gold coin, the charges for transportation to be paid from the appropriation for Freight on bullion.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Frederick Eckfeldt,

March 16th 1876.

Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Your dispatch of yesterday received. Remain such time as may be necessary for the discharge of your official duties.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Thos. E. Acton, Esq. March 16th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your Bulletin &c for the fourth quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. M. Kenadae, Esq. March 16th 1876.

Sir:

800 Bronze Mexican Badges arrived this morning, and await your requisition. The bill amounts to $240., for which please send check.

I enclose vouchers for your signature, and return to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

John Sherman, Jr. Esq. March 17th 1876.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a medal struck to commemorate the last annual assay at the Mint in Philadelphia, and to which you are entitled as a Commissioner appointed by the President.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

March 17th 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith for the signature of the Supt, Warrant #80 of your ✓ of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin, for the month of February, 1876.

Your attention is also directed to an overpayment of $5.65 in Voucher #76 of the same ✓. The amount of the bill is $81.25 gold, which with currency at 88½% equals $91.80 instead of $97.45 the amount paid.

There is an item in this bill "1 pr. large scissors - $13.00 - which you will please explain.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

March 17th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of a letter received at this Office from the Supt. of the Philad.a Mint, relative to 24 Obverse and 24 reverse Dime Dies, forwarded to your Mint on the 16th inst.

I also enclose herewith the Dime referred to by the Supt., which you will please return to him or its equivalent after inspection.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.

March 17th, 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense A/c, for the month of February 1876; also, your A/c of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin for the same period.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 17th, 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully directed to a letter from this Office, under date of the 10th inst. returning Voucher #34, and petty bill of H. G. Torrey, together with the "Abstract" and "A/c current" of your Ordinary Expense A/c, for February 1876.

Please make the necessary corrections and return the same to this Office, at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 17th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. relative to the offer of Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons to supply your Office with C. P. Nitric Acid @ 17 cts. per lb., I have to inform you that I have transmitted a copy of the same to the above mentioned firm.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 17th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst, enclosing business statement for the month of February last.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq.

March 17th 1876.

710 Market St. Philad.a

Sir:

Your ✓c for an adjusting balance and set of weights, forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 17th 1876.

Sir:

Enclosed please find check drawn by J. W. Denver to my order for $240. in payment of 800 Mexican badges, received yesterday.

I also enclose vouchers signed by Mr. Henaday.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

March 17th 1876.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th inst, stating that you had forwarded by mail an Assay Medal for Mr. John Sherman, one of the Commissioners to the last Annual Assay. The medal arrived this morning, and has been handed to Mr. Sherman.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

March 17th 1876.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to a letter from this Office under date of the 11th inst, I have to request that you will forward the vouchers therein requested, at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 17th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst, enclosing a letter from Assayer Hopkins of the Carson Mint to the Assayer of your Mint, requesting him to procure certain apparatus for the use of the Mint at Carson, is received.

You are hereby authorized to purchase the articles required and forward bills for the same, in duplicate, to this Office.

The letter of Mr. Hopkins is returned herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 17th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst, relative to the obverse and reverse Dime Dies, forwarded to the Carson Mint, is received.

I have forwarded the Dime enclosed by you to the Supt. of the Carson Mint, for his inspection, with instructions to return the same or its equivalent to you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

March 17th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the &c of the manufacture of subsidiary silver coin of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., for the month of February, 1876.

Your attention is respectfully directed to an overpayment of $5.65 in Voucher #76.

The warrant accompanying Voucher #80 has been returned for the approval of the Supt, and will be forwarded you as soon as it is returned to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

March 17th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense &c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., for the month of February 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 17th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday enclosing your &c for certain articles forwarded to the Carson Mint, is received. Your &c has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers, for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director

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Messrs Rosengarten & Son,
Phila. Pa.

March 17th 1876.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith I transmit copies of a letter received from the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, and of an enclosure from the Assayer of the same Office, relative to your offer to supply that Institution with C. P. Nitric Acid at 17 cts. per lb.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 17th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the San Francisco Mint be increased five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from the Assist. Treasurer, and that the transfer be made immediately by telegraph.

This addition to the bullion fund is necessary to enable the Supt. to make prompt payment for gold deposits.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — March 18th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelp.a of fifty-six thousand nine hundred and ten 93/100 dollars ($56.910.93) payable in 49.487.77 ozs. fine silver bars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq. — March 18th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 17th inst, I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the transfer of $56.910.93 payable in 49.487.77 oz. fine silver bars, to be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

March 18th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the District Attorney of Nevada, to the Attorney General, and referred to this office by the Assist. Secretary of the Treasury relative to certain alleged irregularities on the part of employés of your Mint.

You are instructed to make a careful and thorough investigation of the "alleged irregularities", and transmit the result of your examination to this office without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 18th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Be kind enough to forward to this Office a proof Double Eagle of 1876. The coin is intended for a wedding-present, and I will be obliged if you will have a velvet, satin-lined case made for it, at a reasonable price, say from $2 to $5.

Please send the bill for the case when you forward the coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 18th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the transfer of $36.910.93 payable in 49.487.77 oz. fine silver bars to be made, from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 20th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have yours of the 18th inst, submitting your views, and those of the Melter & Refiner, on the appropriation for your Mint as recommended by the House Committee.

I concur in all you have said upon the subject, and when the Bill reaches the Senate, shall submit a copy of your letter and enclosure to the Committee on Appropriations together with my views upon the importance of giving to the Mints an appropriation sufficient to meet the expenses attending an increase in coinage operations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 20th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find $1.25 in currency for which I will thank you to send me by return mail, one Proof Trade Dollar.

Very respectfully

H. P. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — March 20th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate bill of Morgan & Orr for Drills &c., shipped your Mint. The original voucher has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, - payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. P. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. — March 20th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate &c of Henry Troemner for adjusting Balance, and set of weights forwarded to your Mint; - The original voucher having been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. P. Linderman, Director.

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Monsieur Bowan

March 20th 1876.

Director of Coin and Medal Administration
Mint, Paris. France.

Dear Sir and Colleague.

I had the honor to receive some days since, by the hands of Col. Jules Berton Vice Consul of France in California, your highly valued favor of the 29th of January last.

It afforded me much pleasure to present Col. Berton to the Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow, Secretary of the Treasury, who directed that every facility should be extended to that gentleman in pursuing the inquiry with which he has been charged by the French Administration.

I also placed in Col. Berton's hands, copies of several recent documents recently printed by the United States Government, bearing on several of the points embraced in your instructions to Mr. Berton, and I beg to assure you that it will afford me sincere pleasure to aid that gentleman's inquiry in any way that may be possible.

If the delegates from France to the recent Silver Convention held at Brussels have made a report of the proceedings of the Convention, and the same has been printed, I shall be very glad to receive a copy from you; also any other printed documents, bearing on the question of monetary standards, which you may be able to forward, the expense of which I will remit on being advised thereof.

Accept, Sir, the respectful compliments of

Your friend and obedient servant
H. R. Linderman
Director Ft. Mint.

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Hon. R. W. Raymond

Commissioner of Mining Statistics.

March 20th 1876.

Sir:

I will thank you to aid us as far as you can, and at your earliest convenience, by replying to so much of the enclosed resolution of the Senate, as requires a statement to be made of the product of gold and silver in other parts of the world from 1845 to 1875. I regret to put you to this trouble, but as we have no data on the subject, am compelled to do so.

Very respectfully

H. P. Linderman

Director.

H. C. Swain, Esq.

March 20th 1876.

Cash. 2d. National Bank

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst, enclosing vouchers in favor of

John Robinson	180.00
& D. C. Corbin	70.00

on account of Construction of U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, has been referred to the Supervising Architect for his action.

Very respectfully

H. P. Linderman

Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esq.

March 21st 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to request that you will sell of the gold coin received by you for California Sweeps, a sufficient sum to produce $1.388.39 in currency the amount of the bills of Sutton & Co. for freight, Lawrence & Co., for storage, and Carr and Heath for weighing of which amount you will deposit the sum of $1.342.02 with the Assist Treasurer to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent expenses of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the current fiscal year, (the amount paid Sutton & Co. and Lawrence & Co.) the balance $46.37 to be applied by you in payment of the bill of Carr & Heath for weighing.

When you have complied with the foregoing instructions you will transmit to the Supt. of the San Francisco Mint, a detailed statement showing the amount received from sale of sweeps, expenses on the same, and the balance subject to his draft.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

March 21st 1876.

Bills have been shipped.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 21st 1876.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 18th inst, in which you state that Mr. Yung Wing, of China, has applied to you for the engraving of an experimental die, with Chinese characters and devices thereon, for the purpose of striking coins for an alloy containing copper, silver, nickel and zinc, in the proportions stated by the Assayer in his communication to you, I have to inform you, that after conference with the Secretary of the Treasury upon the subject the conclusion has been reached, that it will not be expedient to undertake to furnish the dies, except upon a request from the Government of China, or its authorized Agent.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 21st 1876.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary Expense A/c for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 21st 1876.

Sir:

I have received a communication from the Messrs. J. S. and A. B. Wyon of London, enclosing a plan of frame for the display of their medals at the Centennial Exhibition, and which frame has been forwarded to John Jordan, Jr. 820 Spruce St.

I enclose herewith a paper containing a plan of the frame, and instructions as to placing it in a position for an advantageous display of the medals, which I will thank you to hand to Mr. Jordan, and aid him as far as you can in having the Messrs. Wyon's instructions to the Exhibition authorities properly carried out. I am desirous of extending to them, every proper courtesy.

I send by express today a package containing one of the Messrs. Wyon's most beautiful medals, struck by order of the Corporation of London to commemorate the recovery of the Prince of Wales, and which will be placed in the Cabinet of the Mint.

In order that I may make some return for this medal, you will have prepared and placed in a suitable case, a bronze copy of the Metis Medal, Agassiz Medal, and the "Diplomatic Die" Medal, if the latter has been completed. These Medals, when received at this Office, will be forwarded through the State Dept. to the Messrs. Wyon.

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. J. S. and A. B. Wyon. March 21st 1876.
287 Regent St. London.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge, through Mr. B. E. Stevens, the receipt of your favors of the 12th. of January, and 8th. of February last, also a plan of the frame for the exhibition of your medals at the Centennial in Philadelphia.

I have this day instructed the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia to confer with Mr. John Jordan, Jr., as to securing the most advantageous position for the display of your medals, and will hereafter give the necessary personal attention to the subject, to accomplish what you desire.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. G. B. Linderman & Co. March 21st 1876.
Trinity Building
New York.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to furnish this office the date of sailing of the ship St. John Smith, with coal for the San Francisco Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint, San Francisco. March 21st 1876.

When will you commence shipment of five hundred thousand dollars in Silver coin, ordered to be transferred to Washington.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Francis W. Pastmiel, Esq.
418 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

March 21st 1876.

Sir:

At the request of the Hon. Wm. Wallace, I take pleasure in mailing to your address this day a copy of my last Annual Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

March 21st 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenditures at the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, Phila.

January 21st 1876.

Sir:

Please afford Mr. Fred. Eckfeldt, a clerk in this office, opportunity to familiarize himself with the different processes, operations and manipulations of the Mint, and particularly those connected with the hardening & setting of Dies, &c.

Oblige yours, Very Resp'ty
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Fred. Eckfeldt, Esq.

January 21st 1876.

Sir:

After the completion of your duties at the Philadelphia Mint, say by Feb. 1st prox. you will proceed to San Francisco and Carson and make a careful examination of the Mints in the Cities referred to.

You will commence with the receiving, weighing and deposit melting of bullion and follow the various transfers and operations until the delivery of the bars to the Superintendent, with a view to determine whether the regulations are strictly observed, and the operations performed with skill and faithfulness, also whether proper care is taken to insure the safety of the bullion and coin.

You will particularly examine into the mode of conducting the deposit melting, and see whether the interests and rights of depositors are carefully protected.

You will also carefully examine the mode of conducting the assays, and reporting the same. The observance of the law requiring vouchers to pass for all Mint transactions and of the various checks to insure correctness will be carefully inspected.

The condition of all the machinery & fixtures, and the care taken to preserve the same in proper condition will also be rigidly examined into.

You will examine the question of the proper attention to duty on the part of the Engineer and his force, and ascertain whether the boilers are carefully watched to guard against imperfect supply of water, prevention of burning and security against explosion.

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The attendance of Officers, Clerks, and Workmen will be observed and reported.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Fred. Eckfeldt, Esq.

Jan. 21st 1876.

Sir:

You will while on the Pacific Coast carefully count the funds in the hands of the Superintendents of the Mints at San Francisco & Carson. While the count should be without previous notice you should select Saturday for the purpose in order that no interruption of business may result & complete the count by the following Monday morning.

After the count has commenced the vaults must be in the joint custody of the Supt. or his representative, and the examiner, and be sealed in such manner that neither can have access without the presence of the other.

You will exhibit this letter as your authority to make the count.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jan. 21st 1876.

Mr. Fred. Eckfeldt of this office having been instructed to make a careful examination of all the operations of the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, the Supts. of those establishments are hereby requested and directed to afford him every facility for that purpose.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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Supt. Document Room, March 22. 1876.
House of Representatives

Sir:

I will thank you to send me two copies of H. R. Bill # 2934, and a copy of H. R. Bill No. 1257 & 1795.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint March 23. 1876.
San Francisco. Cal.

You are authorized to purchase Doré bullion sufficient to furnish one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at lowest market rate and not above one hundred and fourteen cents per ounce fine, seller pays parting charge, payment to be made from Bullion Fund without further increase.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 23. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby confirmed, viz:

"You are authorized to purchase Doré bullion sufficient to furnish one hundred thousand ounces fine silver, at lowest market rate, and not above one hundred and fourteen cents per ounce fine, seller pays parting charge, payment to be made from bullion fund without further increase."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 23d 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your account of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coins for the month of February 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 23d 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the oath of office of Miss Mollie Gallagher, Adjuster in the Coiner's Dept. of your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 23d 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your Refinery Construction a/c for the month of February 1876, I have to request that you will close this a/c, without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 23d 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 23d 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst, enclosing Balance Sheet of bullion fund of your Mint at the close of business on the 29th ult., is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, March 23d 1876.
San Francisco.

An evening paper here contains a special telegram from your city dated today, reporting a defalcation of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars in the Coiners Dept. Is there any truth in it. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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William A. Potter, Esq.
Supervising Architect

March 23. 1876.

Sir:

I am advised that the Construction of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, is to be proceeded with, with a view of completing it by the close of the current fiscal year.

In completing this structure, the melting furnaces, Assay furnaces, and the flues and drafts connected therewith, should be attended to, and in order to save the expense of sending a properly qualified person, there, for that purpose, I recommend that the Supt. of Construction be sent to the Philadelphia Mint, for a few weeks, in order to familiarize himself with the plan of fixtures and apparatus in the Assay dept, and thereby enable him to fit up the fixtures at Helena while completing the edifice.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Mch. 23. 1876.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at San Francisco, the following dies, to be made of the largest size steel.

Eighteen (18) Obverse Quarter dollar.
" " reverse " "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 23, 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I send herewith, one double Eagle, and four dollars in currency, in payment for a proof Double Eagle, and case containing the same, received at this Office yesterday.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Washington Townsend — March 23, 1876.

Internal.

House of Rep's. Washington D.C.

My dear Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a communication addressed this day to Hon. Samuel J. Randall, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, conveying information just received from London by cable, relative to the price of silver bullion in that city.

Very respectfully
B. H. Bristow
Secretary.

Hon. Samuel J. Randall — March 23, 1876.

Chairman Com. on Appropriations
House of Representatives.

Sir:

The Dept. has received information from London, that the price of silver bullion in that City, was on yesterday, fifty-two and a half pence per ounce, British Standard. This makes an ounce, U.S. Standard worth 103½ cts. in gold, and the bullion value of a dollar in subsidiary silver coins, 83 3/10 cts., or four cents less than the gold value of a legal tender paper dollar.

Very respectfully, B. H. Bristow, Secretary.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 24th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst, proposing to have all important telegrams repeated, is received, and in reply I have to state that there is no necessity of having them repeated, if proper care is exercised by the telegraph Company in transmitting; besides our expenses are already to heavy under this head to admit of any increase.

The remedy is that whenever it is found that there is an error in the dispatch as received, is, to require the telegraph Company to repeat and correct at their own expense.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
Carson. Nev.

March 24th 1876.

One hundred tons of coal for your Mint arrived at San Francisco on the thirteenth instant.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Jas. G. Fair
Wilkesbarre. Pa.

March 24, 1876.

Can answer more definitely at your next stopping place, of which inform me.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Publisher The Financier — March 24th 1876.

71 Broadway N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of yesterday is received. The Financier was taken for the official use of this office, and in accordance with the usual course of business should have been stopped when the official notification of Feb. 1st 1875, was received.

While I do not consider that I am personally liable for the subscription I will pay the bill rather than have any further trouble about it. Check for amt, $8.75 is herewith enclosed & subscription discontinued.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 24th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23d inst, I have to state that the delay in the shipment of silver bullion by the Bank of California, has no doubt been occasioned by the snow blockade on the Union & Central Pacific Rail Road.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

If there should be a further unusual delay in delivery on a/c of this purchase, please so advise me.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. March 25th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your a/c of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin for the month of February, 1876, I have to call your attention to the following items contained therein, viz:

There is an overpayment of $11.29 in Voucher #474, bill of A. M. Ebbets for coal. The bill amounts to $826.08 coin, which with currency at 88½ equals $933.42, instead of $944.72, the amount paid. The amount overpaid will be disallowed.

Voucher #537, bill of M. C. Brydges for kitchen furniture, petty-bill of W. W. Moses, & Co., for market basket, petty bill of M. C. Brydges for stove-furniture, and petty bill of B. Nathan & Co. for cups & saucers are herewith returned, the articles purchased not being legitimate items of expense necessary for the proper conduct of your Mint. I have to request that you will withdraw the same from your account.

Voucher #545 bill of Newstadter Bros. contains purchases of Table-cloths, napkins & Hearth-rugs, which are open to the same objection as the bills last mentioned. I return the bill that these items, which I have marked may be taken out.

Petty bills #39 and #40, are herewith returned, the same not being receipted.

Bill of J. Morton and Co, Voucher #467, is returned for the approval of the Superintendent.

I also return for the signature of the Superintendent, Warrant #496, authorizing the payment of $303.32 to the Spring Valley Water Works,

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and for the same purpose, Warrant #495, authorizing the payment of $295.10 to the same parties.

Vouchers #527 and #530, are herewith returned. The date of the former is Jany 3d 1871, and of the latter Oct 1. 1876., neither of which are included in the present fiscal year. Referring to Voucher #511 bill of L. P. Myers & Co, for adjusting table, amounting to $146.82, I have to call your attention to the fact that the bill has the word 'Copy' written on its face. You will please transmit an original bill in the place of the one sent. This bill bears date of July 26th 1875, and you will please explain the delay in paying the same.

The purchase of an adjusting table does not seem to be a proper item of expense connected with the manufacture of subsidiary silver coin which are not adjusted, and should have been paid from your Contingent fund.

In conclusion I desire to direct your attention to the general carelessness manifested in the preparation of this A/c. Several of the bills are duplicates, one a triplicate, although you must be aware that the government requires original bills in all case. A large portion of the bills in this A/c, which purports to be for the month of February, were rendered & paid during the month of March, some as late as March 10th, notwithstanding the fact that Vouchers in your last A/c were returned because they were paid in the succeeding month.

You are required to render your A/c monthly, and your "A/c current" should show

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the balance on hand at the close of the month, and you will please see that no bills are included in your A/cs hereafter which have not been paid during the month for which the A/c is rendered.

As the distance between San Francisco and Washington is so great as to render the frequent return of Vouchers for correction a matter of considerable delay as well as attended with danger of loss in transit, you will see the importance of having your A/cs in proper condition for settlement before they leave your Mint. I return the "Abstract of Incidental Expenses", "A/c current" and abstract and warrant for petty bills, for correction in the particulars enumerated.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

March 25th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 24th inst, returning petty bill of H. G. Torrey, and corrected "Abstract" and "A/c current" of your Ordinary Expense A/c for February, 1876, also forwarding bill of H. G. Torrey for expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay Commission at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 25th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to state that the 28th Section of the Coinage Act, authorizes you to pay out Subsidiary Silver coins for gold coins at par, in sums not less than $100.

If you have not enough silver coins on hand for the purpose, it will only be necessary for you to send a part of your silver bullion fund to the Mint at Philadelphia, and have immediate returns made in such denominations as may be required.

The plan of the law is, that the exchange and coinage shall be self-sustaining; that is to say, the supply of such coins for exchange must be kept up by purchases of bullion with the gold coins received in exchange. It is therefore obvious that these exchanges should be made at the Mints and Assay Office in New York, and not at the Sub-Treasuries.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 25th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 24th inst, I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $19,836.87, payable in 180.047.58 oz. Standard silver bullion, to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Office to that of the U. S. Mint at Philad.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 25th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a communication from the Japanese Minister, addressed to the State Department, relative to an error in reporting an assay of a "gold 5 yen cutting from bar."

Will you be kind enough to give the correct figures of the Assayer's report as presented in your communication of Nov. 9th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 25th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find draft for $25. on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, and for which you will please forward to this Office twenty (20) Proof Trade Dollars, coinage 1876.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

March 25th 1876.

Secretary Th. Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, of one hundred and ninety-nine thousand eight hundred and thirty-six 87/100 dollars ($199.836.87) payable in 180.047.58 oz. of standard silver bullion.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Adam Smith & Son.

March 25, 1876.

Gentlemen:

The silver coin will be issued under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but the time for issue has not yet been fixed nor regulations prescribed. I suppose the matter will not be long delayed.

Very truly,
H. P. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall

March 25th 1876.

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations.

Sir:

I understand that Mr. Woodburn of Nevada, thinks that I have not favored an appropriation for continuing coinage at the Carson Mint. He will probably express this view when the appropriations for the Mints are reached, and if so, I will thank you to read the following extract from my official letter to you of the 6th inst.;

"Coinage at Carson should in my "opinion be continued. Within about fourteen "miles of that City are located the most "productive and extensively worked mines "of the world, and a certain amount of coin "is required in the payment of the thousands "of laborers employed in the mining business.

"If coinage at that point be discontinued, "the bullion will have to be sent to San Francisco, "and brought back in the form of coin, which "will involve the expense of transportation "to and from San Francisco."

I should be glad if you would at the same time, frankly state that I urged the same course verbally, on two different occasions, before your Committee, and at the last time, I expressly stated in reply to an inquiry from Judge Holman, a member of the Committee, that the public interests required the continuing of coinage at that Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 27th 1876.

Sir:

Mr. M. A. Meyendorff, Superintendent of Construction of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, will spend some days in the Assay Dept. of your Mint, for the purpose of familiarizing himself with the plans, fixtures, and apparatus, and thereby enable himself to properly fit up the Assay Office at Helena.

You are hereby requested to place him in communication with the Assayer, and afford him every facility for the discharge of his duties.

In connection with the foregoing, Mr. Meyendorff will desire to familiarize himself with the practical details of assaying; please afford him the necessary facilities for that purpose.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

March 27th 1876.

Sir;

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement, from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year, bill of H. G. Torrey, for expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay Commission amounting to $28.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 27th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

On the 21st inst, I sent by express to your address, a bronze copy of the medal struck by order of the Corporation of the City of London, to commemorate the recovery of the Prince of Wales, and on the 23d inst, I sent an express package containing one Double Eagle, and four dollars in currency, in payment of a Double Eagle and case, forwarded to this Office a few days since.

No acknowledgment of either package has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafgrange, Esq. — March 27th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst, explaining advance of $80.000. to Pacific Refinery is received, and is entirely satisfactory.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

O. H. Lafgrange, Esq. — March 27th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have referred your Refinery Construction &c for the month of February, 1876, to the Supervising Architect Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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O. H. Lafayrange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 27th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense A/c for the month of February 1876.

Referring to Voucher #255 of the above A/c, bill of the National Clock Co, I find that the bill was rendered Aug. 30th 1875, and the parties certify to have received payment for the same Nov. 11th 1875.

You will please inform me why this expenditure was not embraced in your November A/c.

All bills should be taken up in the Account for the month in which they are paid, otherwise your balance on hand as shown by your A/c current will be a false one, and, as in this case, it necessitates the reexamination of your back accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

March 27th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense A/c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

March 27th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 17th inst, explaining certain items in your Ordinary Expense a/c, for the month of January 1876, and forwarding bill of Wells Fargo & Co, to take the place of the one transmitted with Voucher #151 of your Account, and sub-vouchers #149 and #164.

I have referred the enclosures together with a copy of your letter to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury.

In reply to that portion of your letter in which you state that the power of Attorney granted to Mr. N. M. Bell by Jno. Gillig is on file in your Office, I have to inform you that it is necessary that it should accompany your account unless it is already on file in the Department.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

March 27th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of a communication from the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev, explaining certain items in his Ordinary Expense a/c for January, 1876, together with the enclosures.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Dr. M. L. Bonzano,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans.

March 27th 1876

My dear Sir:

I thank you for your frank letter of the 23d inst.

The desire on the part of the Committee on Appropriations, to reduce expenditures has been such as to render it very difficult to secure the necessary amounts to conduct existing Mints, and the Committee has been entirely unwilling to provide for coinage at New Orleans.

When this question came up at a recent meeting of the Committee on Coinage, Weights & Measures, I strongly urged that authority should be given for conducting your Mint as an Assay Office, and in compliance with the verbal request of the Committee, addressed them a communication under date of the 28th ultimo, a copy of which I enclose herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

March 27th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense Ac of the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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G. Sacks, Esqr.

93. Rue de Monceau
Paris, France.

March 27th 1876.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 8th inst, addressed to me at New York, was forwarded here.

You desire information in relation to our monetary system.

The dollar is the unit of our money of account, and equals one hundred cents. The unit is represented by the gold dollar, the standard of which is 25.8 grains troy, 900 fine. The gold coins are legal tender without limit.

The silver coins are first, a trade coin or dollar, of the standard weight of 420 grains troy, 900 fine. This dollar is intended as an Agent of Commerce.

Second. The half dollar, quarter dollar, twenty and ten cent piece are coined at the rate of 385.8 grains troy 900 fine to the dollar.

The Silver coins are a legal tender to the amount of five dollars only. These division coins are coined on account of the Government only, and are issuable under our coinage law for gold coins only at par. We have, however, a special law authorizing the issue of these coins in redemption of the fractional paper notes.

The trade dollar is coined for depositors at a charge of one and one quarter per cent on the nominal value.

Under the title of Minor coins we issue a three and five cent piece composed of 25 parts Nickel and 75 parts

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copper, also a bronze one cent piece, these coins are manufactured and issued on account of the Government.

For the other information which your letter calls for, I refer you to a copy of our coinage law and mint regulations enclosed herewith. With these documents, I take the liberty of sending you a copy of my Report for 1873, in which you will find on page 9-10 a brief history of our coinage. Also a copy of my Annual Report for 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wm A. Potter, Esq. March 27th 1876.
Supervising Architect
Sir:

I transmit herewith the Refinery Construction Ac of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Pope Cole & Co, March 27th 1876.
Baltimore. Md.
Gentlemen;

Please state price at which you will furnish twenty tons best Ingot Copper.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Wilson Hguikle & Co. March 27th 1876.

Cincinnati. Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of 25th inst, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this office. The coins authorized by law to be issued by the Mints are as follows:

Gold 1 dollar piece
2½ " "
3 " "
5 " "
10 " "
20 " "

Gold is coined at the rate of 25 8/10 grains troy 9/10th fine or 9 parts gold to one of copper.

Silver. Trade Dollar
½ "
¼
20 cent piece
10 " " or Dime.

The standard of the trade dollar is 420 grains troy 9/10 fine. The standard of the other silver coins is 385 8/10 grains troy, 9/10 fine to the dollar.

Minor Coins. 5 cents
3 "

Nickel & copper in the proportion of 25 nickel to 75 copper.

1 cent Bronze, alloy, copper, tin & zinc.

I send you a copy of my report for 1873, in which you will find a brief history of U. S. Coinage; also, the Coinage Act of 1873. In the latter you will find the weight of the several coins, tolerance or mint remedy as to fineness and weight and other matters which may be of interest to you. Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 27th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., for examination and settlement, from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the current fiscal year, bill of H. G. Torrey for expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay Commission, amounting to $28.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 27th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense A/c for Feby 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 27th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst, enclosing a/c current of your bullion fund, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent U. S. Assay Office March 27th 1876.
New York.

State by telegraph name of party offering silver as per your letter of February twenty-fifth last.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. Joseph Henry March 28th 1876.
Smithsonian Institute.

My dear Sir:

I shall take great pleasure in sending you the number of copies of my last Annual Report requested in your letter of the 27th inst, for the purpose therein specified.

They will be sent at an early day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. March 28th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst, enclosing statement showing the value and denomination of gold and silver coins in Cashier's Vault, March 18th 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 28th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to items 328-329 page, 19, of the enclosed catalogue, from which it would appear that two experimental pieces, copper proofs of an Eagle and Half Eagle of 1875, are offered for sale, and the statement made that only five pieces of each specimen have been struck.

The pieces referred to, appear to have been received from some Officer of the Mint, and I will thank you to make the necessary inquiry, and inform me how they found their way out of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March, 28th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me Four (4) Trade Dollars with bill for the same in currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Sevellon A. Brown, Esq.

March 28th 1876.

Chief Clerk, Dept. of State.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to have Mr. Oliver of your Dept., call at this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 28th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of a letter received at this office from Arthur Orr, Esq. of Philad^a., relative to the manner in which the Ajax Press is used at your Mint, and your attention is invited to the suggestions contained therein.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confidential.

Hon. Jas. Pollock March 29th 1876.
Supt. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

In view of the possibility that attempts will be made during the approaching Centennial Celebration to put in circulation fraudulent tokens of all kinds, and in similitude of the coins of the U. S., I have suggested to the proper officer of the Treasury that a skilled officer be stationed in your city very soon, and remain there for such time as may be necessary to detect and arrest any parties violating the laws in this respect.

I further suggested that the officer should be placed in confidential communication with you, & also the proper centennial authorities.

These suggestions will no doubt be adopted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

March 29th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter acknowledging receipt of the "Prince of Wales" medal, and stating that you had forwarded bronze copies of the "Metis" "Agassiz" and "Diplomatic" Medals; also enclosing bills for the same. The medals were received this morning.

The expense of the medals and case will be charged to your Medal Fund, and I return the bills herewith.

I will thank you to have prepared and forwarded to Prof. Jules Marcou, No. 42 Garden St., Cambridge, Mass., one copy in silver, and four in bronze of the Diplomatic Medal, a bronze copy of the Agassiz Medal, and return to him the lead impression of the Diplomatic die.

You will also forward two copies in bronze of the Diplomatic Medal to this Office, and charge the expense of the medals ordered for Mr. Marcou and for this Office, to your Medal Fund.

The reproduction of the Diplomatic Medal, and the great improvement in bronzing are highly creditable to both yourself and the Engraver.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 29th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith check drawn by J. W. Denver to my order for $360, in payment for 1200 Mexican badges, received yesterday; also, vouchers duly signed.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 29th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th inst, enclosing $2.60 in currency, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — March 29th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst, making requisition for twenty (20) tons Baltimore copper is received, and instructions have been given for the shipment of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Editor The World.

March 29th 1876.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to an article in your paper of today, taken from the San Francisco Chronicle of the 21st inst, in which it is stated that Trade Dollars coined at the Carson Mint, have been found to contain from 1½ to 2 cents less pure silver than required by law.

As such a statement, if not corrected, may reflect injuriously upon that Mint, I regard it as my duty to state, that the coinage of the Carson Mint has been found on all trials made under the law and regulations, to be of legal weight and purity.

A certain number of coins are taken indiscriminately from each delivery, sealed and sent to the Mint at Philadelphia, where the coinage of all the Mints is annually tested by a Commission constituted by the law for that purpose. As an additional check, test assays are made monthly, one Mint assaying upon another, and the result reported to the Director. The results of these assays have always proven satisfactory, and no complaint of defective standard has ever reached this office.

Very respectfully
H. P. Lindenman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

March 29th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 18th inst, enclosing an extract copy of Senate Resolution of the 16th inst, asking for certain statistics and estimates of the accumulation, production, exportation &c. of gold and silver.

I present herewith a statement showing the estimated annual product of the Mines of the United States from 1845 to 1875, inclusive. The returns are based on Official information, and while the yearly estimates may not be strictly accurate, it is believed the totals are approximately correct.

So much of the resolution as relates to the precious metal production in other parts of the world, from 1845 to 1875 inclusive, was referred to the Commissioner of Mining Statistics, and a copy of his answer, together with a printed report of the "World's product of silver", is transmitted herewith.

I also enclose a statement from the Paris "Journal des Economistes," showing the world's annual production of gold and silver since 1852, and which is claimed to be correct by that journal, and the "London Daily News."

The amount of gold and silver coin and bullion in the United States at the present time is estimated to be about $145.000.000. of which, about $20.000.000. consists of silver, coin and bullion.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Estimate of Gold and Silver produced in the United States from 1845 to 1875 inclusive.

— Estimated Product —

Date	Gold	Silver	Total
1845	$1.008.327		$1.008.327
6	1.139.357		1.139.357
7	889.085		889.085
8	10.000.000		10.000.000
9	40.000.000		40.000.000
1850	50.000.000		50.000.000
1	55.000.000		55.000.000
2	60.000.000		60.000.000
3	65.000.000		65.000.000
4	60.000.000		60.000.000
5	55.000.000		55.000.000
6	55.000.000		55.000.000
7	55.000.000	From 1849 to 1858	55.000.000
8	50.000.000	$500.000	50.500.000
9	50.000.000	100.000	50.100.000
1860	46.000.000	150.000	46.150.000
1	43.000.000	2.000.000	45.000.000
2	39.200.000	4.500.000	43.700.000
3	40.000.000	8.500.000	48.500.000
4	46.100.000	11.000.000	57.100.000
5	53.225.000	11.250.000	64.475.000
6	53.500.000	10.000.000	63.500.000
7	51.725.000	13.500.000	65.225.000
8	48.000.000	12.000.000	60.000.000
9	49.500.000	12.000.000	61.500.000
1870	50.000.000	16.000.000	66.000.000
1	43.500.000	23.000.000	66.500.000
2	36.000.000	28,750.000	64.750.000
3	36.000.000	35.750.000	71.750.000
4	40.000.000	32.000.000	72.000.000
1875	40.000.000	32.000.000	72.000.000
Total	$1.325.786.769	$253.000.000	$1.578.786.769

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The World's Annual Production of Gold & Silver since 1852

from the "Journal des Economistes"

— Estimated Product —

Date	Gold	Silver	Total.
1852	$182.500.000	$40.500.000	$223.000.000
3	155.000.000	40.500.000	195.500.000
4	127.000.000	40.500.000	167.500.000
5	135.000.000	40.500.000	175.500.000
6	147.500.000	40.500.000	188.000.000
7	133.000.000	40.500.000	173.500.000
8	124.500.000	40.500.000	165.000.000
9	124.500.000	40.500.000	165.000.000
1860	119.000.000	40.500.000	159.500.000
1	114.000.000	42.500.000	156.500.000
2	107.500.000	45.000.000	152.500.000
3	107.000.000	49.000.000	156.000.000
4	113.000.000	51.500.000	164.500.000
5	120.000.000	52.000.000	172.000.000
6	121.000.000	50.500.000	174.500.000
7	116.000.000	54.000.000	170.000.000
8	120.000.000	50.000.000	170.000.000
9	121.000.000	47.500.000	168.500.000
1870	116.000.000	51.500.000	167.500.000
1	116.500.000	61.000.000	177.500.000
2	101.500.000	65.000.000	166.500.000
3	103.500.000	70.000.000	173.500.000
4	90.500.000	71.500.000	162.000.000
5	97.500.000	62.000.000	159.500.000
Total	$2.913.000.000	$1.187.500.000	$4.100.500.000.

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Messrs. J. S. & A. B. Wynn

287 Regent St. London W.

March 29th 1876.

Gentlemen:

I send to your address today, care of R. T. Stevens, Esq. bronze copies of the Metis, Agassiz and Diplomatic Medals, struck at the Mint in Philadelphia, which I beg you will do me the honor of accepting.

The last named medal has been reproduced from a bad proof or impression struck from the original die, which was prepared in Paris, France, in the year 1790, by order of Thomas Jefferson, the Secretary of State, to commemorate the Independence of the Colonies, and also for presentation to the Marquis de la Luzerne, and Count de Montier, and which I deemed of sufficient value, to have re-engraved for our Centennial Anniversary.

The Metis medal you are no doubt familiar with the history of. The head of Agassiz is claimed to be a faithful likeness of that distinguished gentleman.

With great respect,

I remain, very respectfully

H. P. Linderman

Director U.S. Mint.

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B. F. Stevens, Esq.

March 29th 1876.

No. 4, Trafalgar Square, London, England.

Dear Sir:

I enclose to your care, a letter addressed to the Messrs. Wynn, and also a box containing three medals struck at the Mint in Philadelphia, which I will thank you to deliver to those gentlemen.

I have given to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, the necessary instructions relative to carrying out the wishes of the Messrs. Wynn, in properly displaying their Medals at the Centennial Exhibition, and I have every reason to believe that care will be taken in placing the case in a position where the best light can be obtained.

Thanking you for your many courtesies,

I am very truly

H. R. Linderman

Director.

B. F. Stevens, Esq.

March 29th 1876.

U. S. Dispatch Agent

London, England.

Sir,

I have this day written to John P. Bigelow, Esq. requesting him to pay the amount (£ 0. 14. 4) of your account against this Office.

The delay in the payment of your account is attributable to inability to procure a draft on London for so small an amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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John P. Bigelow Esq.
London, England.

March 29th 1876.

My dear Sir:

I take the liberty to enclose herewith a receipted bill of R. V. Stevens Esq. U. S. Dispatch Agent against this Office, amounting to £0-14-4 which I have to request that you will be kind enough to pay and inform me how I can reimburse you for the amount. I would not trouble you with this matter, but for the fact that I am unable to procure a draft on London for so small an amount.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.
Baltimore, Md.

March 29th 1876.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to furnish twenty (20) tons best Ingot Copper at 22 1/4 cents per pound, is accepted. You will please ship the same at through freight rates to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, and transmit your account with Bill Lading in duplicate to this Office.

I will thank you if practicable to ship in two lots, of ten (10) tons each, and render bills covering each shipment as payment is to be made from two distinct appropriations.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Wm. E. DuBois, Esq.

March 29th 1876.

Assayer, Mint, U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter from J. H. Walten of New York, relative to two Silver medals, commemorative of the Empire of Iturbide, which I will thank you to read and inform me whether the medals referred to are worth purchasing for the Cabinet of this Office.

Please return the letter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

March 30th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a letter under date of January 7th 1876, addressed by this Office to the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, in which he was, in accordance with your directions, instructed to place the case of J. F. Babcock, late Coiner of that Mint, and the facts connected therewith in the hands of the U. S. District Attorney.

I respectfully suggest that the attention of the U. S. District Attorney at San Francisco, be called to this case.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 30th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Official oath of Sarah Rogers, Adjuster in your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

March 30th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d inst, enclosing detailed statement of fine silver purchased March 15th 1876, from Consolidated Virginia Mining Company, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Fred. Eckfeldt
St. Louis.

March 30th 1876.

The letters instructed you to examine U. S. Arsenal building to see whether same could be adapted for Mint purposes. Architect in charge of construction of U. S. Buildings will show you Arsenal.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 30th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of four Trade Dollars requested in my letter of the 28th inst., I enclose herewith $4.50 currency in payment of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — March 30th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You will please forward to this Office, as early as practicable, a detailed statement of 500.000. ounces fine silver purchased from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco and delivered at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 30th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find $5. in currency for which please send me by return mail 4 trade dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 31st 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th inst. submitting the appointment of Peter R. Bercin as a clerk in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. of your Mint, I have to say that I have no objection to the employment of this person if his services are needed but would prefer that his appointment and Oath of Office should read as an Assistant, Helper, or Workman, as I doubt the propriety of appointing Clerks in the Operative Depts.

If you will submit the appointment as indicated the same will meet with my approval.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 31st 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Oaths of Office of the following employés of your Mint, viz:

General Dept.

Thos. D. Nice – Night Watchman

M. and R's. Dept.

Peter Witbeck – Helper.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

March 31st 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst, reporting the destruction of 268 coinage dies of the year 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint.
San Francisco.

March 31st 1876.

Was your agreement with Wells Fargo & Co. to deliver the five hundred thousand dollars in Silver Coin at Washington or New York.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

March 31st 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz:

"Was your agreement with Wells, Fargo & Co. to deliver the five hundred thousand dollars in silver coin at Washington or New York."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. H. Watson Esq.
No. 22 West 14th St.
New York.

March 31st 1876.

Sir:

I have yours of the 28th inst, offering for sale, two silver Medals commemorative of the reign of the Emperor Iturbide in Mexico.

I am obliged to you for your offer but do not desire to purchase, as the medals have but little historical value, and are not very rare. They might be valuable to any one desiring to complete a Mexican Series.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint Carson, Nev.

March 31st 1876.

You are authorized to purchase two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at lowest market rate not exceeding one hundred and fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine. Report purchase by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.

March 31st 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz: "You are authorized to purchase two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at the lowest market rate not exceeding one hundred and fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine. Report purchase by telegraph."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 1st. 1876.
San Francisco.

You are authorized to purchase three hundred thousand ounces fine silver at lowest market rate and not exceeding one hundred and fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine. Payment to be made from your existing bullion fund. Report purchase by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint April 1st. 1876.
San Francisco.

The purchase authorized to be made in my dispatch of this date it is expected will be in fine bars resulting from Doré bullion deposited and parted at your Mint.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 1st. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegrams sent you this day are hereby confirmed, viz: 1st "You are authorized to purchase three hundred thousand ounces fine silver at lowest market rate and not exceeding one hundred and fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine, payment to be made from your existing bullion fund. Report purchase by telegraph."
2. "The purchase authorized to be made in my dispatch of this date it is expected will be in fine bars resulting from Doré bullion deposited and parted at your Mint."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

April 1st 1876.

I supposed your bullion fund sufficient to make payment when purchase was authorized. How much increase is absolutely necessary. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

April 1st 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz:

"I supposed your bullion fund sufficient to make payment when purchase was authorized, how much in increase is absolutely necessary."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

April 1st 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult., enclosing a/c current of the bullion fund of your office, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 1st 1876.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please forward the following coinage dies to the Mint at Carson.

Twelve (12) Reverse Quarter Dollar
" " Obverse " "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 1st 1876.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult, enclosing certificates of deposit for $850.00 on account of Profitt on Medals, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, San Francisco. — April 3d 1876.

Do not pay Wells Fargo & Co. until they furnish evidence of delivery of Silver Coin at Washington.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lathrange, Esq. — April 3d 1876.
Supt. U.S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed. "Do not pay Wells Fargo & Co. until they furnish evidence of the delivery of Silver coin at Washington."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

April 3. 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the current month has been approved for the sum of $13,000. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$3.000.–
Wages of Workmen	"	6.000.–
Contingent Expenses	"	4.000.–

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
New York.

April 3. 1876.

Sir:

I regret my inability to send you a copy of the Blue Book as requested in your letter of the 29th ult.

The Chief Clerk to whom your request was referred, replies that "the limited supply furnished this Department will not admit of a compliance with the within request."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philad.a

April 3. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst, enclosing 4 proof trade dollars is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

April 3d 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office, for an expression of my views thereon, of a letter from Hon. John Sherman, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, U. S. Senate, dated the 23 of February last, enclosing a concurrent resolution on the subject of a convention with Great Britain for the establishing of a common unit of account between that Empire and the United States, and also a printed document containing "reasons for the proposed change".

To accomplish the change proposed there must be a reduction in the weight of the standard gold dollar from 25 8/10 grains troy to 25 4/9 grains troy, and which would make it contain 1/5 of the pure gold contained in the Sovereign or Pound Sterling, and the substitution by Great Britain of the dollar as the unit of the money of account, in the place of the Pound Sterling, and conforming the issue of her future gold coins to that unit and nine tenths standard.

The reduction in the weight of the present standard dollar is equal to 2 6/100 per cent, and which would make its value in the new dollar $1.02.6/10.

The chief objection to all the plans hitherto proposed for international coinage, has been that they contemplated simply the unification of coins of different countries, and omitted the more important matter of establishing a common language of

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accounts. The measure now proposed, contemplates the adoption and use of a common money of account, as well as standard coins of uniform weight and purity, by two of the principal countries of the world, speaking a common language, and between which, commercial and financial transactions of great magnitude are carried on.

If a common language of values were established in the two countries, the inconvenience attending the conversion of dollars and cents into pounds, shillings and pence, and vice versa, the melting of each others' coins, and the employment of a technical par of exchange, to which the present diversity moneys of account has given rise, would at once cease.

The proposed change would render necessary the recoinage in the United States of the existing issue of gold coins, and all unexpired engagements, that, by their terms, are payable in gold coins made prior to the date of change, would have to be arranged for according to the present standard. Furthermore, all debts, mortgages and obligations, which by their terms are payable in gold coins, would, on the day the proposed measure became a law, be increased about 2 7/10 per cent.

Under existing laws, the value in United States money terms, of the standard gold coins of foreign countries, is determined by comparison of the pure metal contained therein, with that contained in the standard gold dollar, and the assessable surface of invoices of dutiable foreign merchandise, im-

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ported into the United States, is computed on that basis.

The value of these foreign coins as expressed in the proposed gold dollar would be increased, say 2 7/10 per cent, and the effect would be, to increase duties on certain grades of foreign merchandise. This however, could be provided for by proper legislation.

Another effect would be to increase the Mint or true par of exchange, as to countries of the gold standard, equal to the reduction in our standard.

The legal ratio of gold to silver in our present gold and subsidiary silver coinage, is as 1 to 14 25. If the proposed dollar should be adopted, the ratio would be as 1 to 15 3. The practical effect of this would be, the increase of the coining rate of silver to an extent equal to the reduction in the coining rate of gold, say 2 7/10 per cent.

The gold value of legal tender notes, all other things being equal, would also increase in proportion to the reduction in the gold dollar.

In most countries where the double standard of gold and silver prevails, the legal ratio in the coinage is as 1 to 15/2, while by the change proposed, the legal ratio in this country of the gold to the subsidiary silver, would, as before stated, be as 1 to 15 3.

The character of the proposed measure, is so thoroughly and correctly stated in the "printed reasons", that a full discussion of the subject

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here, would appear to be superfluous, and I will only add, that after giving due consideration to the inconvenience to this country, which would attend its adoption, I am of the opinion, that the benefits which may be expected to result from it, would be such as to amply justify the change.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

The letter of Mr. Sherman & enclosures are returned herewith

Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 3d. 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadel.a

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 1st inst, I send herewith twelve copies of the Treasury Circular giving value of foreign coins.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esq. — April 4th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for examination and settlement your Bullion Acts for the fourth Quarter 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. Lafrange, Esq. April 4th 1876.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of six hundred thousand dollars ($600.000) in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States in the following proportions in respect to denominations, viz:

Half Dollars	$100.000.
Quarter Dollars	" 200.000.
Dimes	" 300.000.

Charges for transportation to be paid from silver profit fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafrange, Esq. April 4th 1876.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars ($18.750.) on a/c "of the coinage of silver for redemption of fractional currency", during the current month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

April 4th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. to the Treasurer of the United States, in the following proportions as to denominations, viz:

Quarter Dollars	$100.000.
Dimes	100.000.

The charges for transportation to be paid by Supt. of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

April 4th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson be increased one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150.000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from the Assist. Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco, and that the transfer be made by telegraph.

This addition to the bullion fund is necessary to enable the Supt. to make payment for silver bullion purchased on the 1st. inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow April 4th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of six hundred thousand dollars ($600.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, to the Treasurer of the United States, in the following proportions as to denominations, viz:

Half Dollars —	$100.000.
Quarter Dollars —	200.000.
Dimes —	300.000.

The charges for transportation to be paid by Supt. of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow April 4th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of O. H. Lafrange, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, for the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars ($18.750.) on account of the coinage of silver for the redemption of fractional currency during the current month as provided in "An Act to provide for the resumption of specie payments" approved January 14th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahony
1st. Auditor.

April 4th. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion a/cs. of the Supt: of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the fourth quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Bluford Wilson, Esq.
Solicitor, U. S. Treasury.

April 4th. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and certificate the Official Bond of Levi Dague, Coiner at the U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. O'Brien.
H. R.

April 4th. 1876.

Dear Sir:

The printed proposition for the issue of silver change money which you sent me a few days ago does not accord with my views on the subject. That is to say, I prefer the existing law, and which provides for the coinage and issue of this coin exclusively on Government account.

If there were no other objection to the issue by coinage for individuals, the fact that the proposition makes no provision for the withdrawal of the fractional notes renders it defective.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq. April 4th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your telegram of yesterday, I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of two hundred thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the U. S. in the following proportions as to denominations; viz:

Quarter Dollars $100.000.
Dimes 100.000.

The charges for transportation to be paid from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. April 4th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received the official Bond of Levi Dague Coiner at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint April 4th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

Will have bullion fund increased one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

April 4th 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz: "Will have bullion fund increased one hundred and fifty thousand dollars."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

April 4th 1876.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of sixty six 80/100 dollars, $66.80 has been charged against your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year on account of bill of Fred. Eckfeldt for traveling expenses from Carson to this city.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadª

April 4th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $24,400. from the following appropriations viz:

Salaries	1876	$3.400.-
Wages of Workmen	"	21.000.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 4th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Office how long your present supply of silver bullion for subsidiary silver coinage will last, and how much more fine silver will be required to run your Mint to its full capacity, coining principally quarters and dimes to June 15th. when it is proposed to close and complete the annual settlement by July 1st.

Your early attention is solicited.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Apl. 4th. 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philad^a

Sir:

Please send to this Office, with the bill made out in currency;

One proof Trade Dollar 1876
" " Half " "
" " Quarter " "
" " Twenty Cents "
" " Dime "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

These are for Senator Bayard.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 5th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $26.600.- from the following appropriations viz:

Salaries —	— 1876 —	$2.100.-
Wages of Workmen —	" —	22.500.
Contingent Expenses —	" —	2.000.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

April 5th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading for chemically pure Nitric Acid shipped you on the 27th ult, by Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons, Philad^a, whose account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for coinage of subsidiary silver coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

April 5th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of Frank H. Rance, Night Watchman in the Guf Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

April 5th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 28th ult., explaining certain items in your account of the manufacture of subsidiary silver coin for the month of February, 1876, and returning properly signed Warrant No. 80. of the same &c.

The Warrant mentioned has been referred to the 1st Auditor to be placed with your account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Apr. 5th 1876.

Sir:

The official Bond of Levi Dague, Coiner of your Mint, has been approved by the Director of the Mint, and the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to the 1st Comptroller for file in that Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

R. W. Taylor, Esq.
1st Comptroller.

April 5th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your Office, the Official Bond of Levi Dague, Coiner at the U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

April 5th 1876.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit Warrant No. 80, properly signed, belonging to the account of the manufacture of subsidiary silver coin of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.
Baltimore, Md.

April 5th 1876.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 4th inst, enclosing Invoice and Bills Lading in duplicate, for twenty (20) tons Ingot Copper, shipped U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev., has been received.

Your a/c has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 5th 1876.

Gentlemen:

Your account for Chemically Pure Nitric Acid shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco on the 27th ult, has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 5th, 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether the Bank of California has completed the delivery of 200,000. ounces fine silver, if not, how much has been delivered, and what information you have as to when the balance will be received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint — April 5th, 1876.
San Francisco.

How much Doré bullion will you require for subsidiary coinage to June fifteenth, coining to your full capacity and refining to that extent.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. — April 6th, 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

April 6th 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst, relative to decorating the Mint Building during the Centennial Exhibition you are hereby authorized to decorate the Chestnut St. front as suggested by you at an expense not exceeding two hundred ($200) and pay the amount from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, referring to this letter as your authority.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philad.a

April 6th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst, stating the cost of transportation of silver bullion for subsidiary silver coin for the quarter ending March 31st 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad.a

April 6th 1876.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find $2.32 currency in payment of Proof set Silver coins, forwarded by you on the 5th inst, to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

April 6th 1876.

Was purchase of one hundred thousand ounces fine silver authorized on the twenty third ultimo made.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

April 6th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading for crucibles shipped you on the 31st ult, by "The Joseph Dixon Crucible Company", whose account I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, - payment to be made from the appropriation for the coinage of silver for redemption of fractional currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
1st Auditor.

April 6th 1876.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expenses &c of the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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John A. Walker, Esq. April 6th 1876.
Secretary Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.
Jersey City. N.J.

Sir:

The A/c of "The Joseph Dixon Crucible Company" amounting to $219.87 for Crucibles shipped U.S. Mint San Francisco has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 6th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoices and Bills Lading for twenty 20 tons copper, shipped you on the 4th inst, by Messrs. Pope Cole, & Co. Baltimore Md, whose account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, - payment to be made from the appropriation for "Coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. John Sherman April 6th 1876.
U. S. Senate.

The currency value of a trade dollar is about one dollar and three cents.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 7th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to Regulation 5, p. 21, Instructions and Regulations, 1874, I will thank you to refer me to the date of the Certificate of Examination forwarded to this Office, according to the requirements of the Regulation referred to.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. — April 7th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following employés of your Mint viz:

S. W. Herricks - Ass't Engineer. Gen'l Dept.
M. F. Leady Jr. - Workman - Refiner "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 7th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadª.

Sir:

I will thank you to have prepared at your Mint, a complete set of standard coin weights, from the Double Eagle to Dime inclusive, for the use of the Mint at Carson.

Mr. Davis of this office leaves for the Pacific Coast on the 18th inst, and it will be necessary that they be finished at or before that date.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Ivemmer, Esq. — April 7th 1876.
110 Market St. Philadª.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me by return mail, what condition the adjusting balances and weights were in at the Carson Mint, at the time of your visit to that Mint in November last.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Bank of California — April 7th 1876.
San Francisco.

When will you complete delivery of fine silver at Philadelphia Mint.

H. R. Linderman. Director

Telegram. Hon. N. P. Banks, H. R. — April 7th 1876.

Please send me two copies of Bullion Certificate Bill.

H. R. Linderman, Director Mint.

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Louis McLane, Esq. April 5th 1876.

President Nevada Bank of San Francisco.

Sir:

Hereafter when we telegraph inquiring the price at which you will sell a specified amount of silver, or that we will give a certain price, it is to be understood, that unless otherwise stated in the dispatch, you are to take U. S. 5 per cent bonds either registered or coupons in payment. For your information we will add to this dispatch, the price of the bonds, based on the London and New York quotation.

The figures thus stated, will be the rate at which you are to take the bonds.

The Silver as delivered, will be assayed without delay, and a certificate of the amount payable therefor, will be given to you or your agent, and on the presentation of the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, the bonds will be issued.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Memorandum.

The Superintendent of the Mint, at which the delivery is made, will charge himself in his accounts, with the gold value of the silver at the purchasing rate, according to the Mint Assay. The value of the bullion delivered having been thus determined, the Superintendent will give the seller a certificate of the same, which certificate will be assigned and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment in U. S.

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bonds at a rate corresponding with the market rate of said bonds, at the date of the purchase of the silver. On the receipt of the certificate thus assigned, the Secretary will issue and transmit to the seller, the bonds due on the purchase.

Any fraction of the purchase, over or under, twenty-five thousand dollars, will be paid for in gold coin.

M. J. Bonzano Esq. April 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $527.25 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$288.50
Wages of Workmen		238.75

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. J. Bonzano, Esq. April 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expenses a/c for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. Mosheimer, Esq. April 8th. 1876.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of 31st. ult. in which you propose alloying silver for coinage with Tellurium and iron instead of copper.

The idea of alloying one of the precious metals with a more valuable one is a new one, and presents the inquiry whether the alloying metal would not necessarily pass off without valuation in the coinage, and for the reason that it could not be again recovered, except, perhaps by an expensive process.

I think this objection alone fatal to your proposition.

If you can spare two or three samples of the ore containing Tellurium I will be obliged if you will hand the same to Supt. Lafrange for transmission to me.

Your very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Edward Young, Esq. April 8th. 1876.
Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to furnish me by Monday next, a statement showing the imports and exports of silver coin and bullion respectively, from July 1875 to March 31st 1876, inclusive, or up to the latest date your report is made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Mr. Myendorf
Mint, Philad.a

April 8th 1876.

Dear Sir:

Upon full reflection I am satisfied that it would not do to appoint any one but a practical Assayer for Helena, Montana, and I think it will be better for you to be appointed Melter. For this position you could soon qualify yourself by observation in the M. & R's Dept. at the Philad.a mint. My advice is that you adopt this suggestion at once.

In the position of Melter you would have an opportunity to make yourself a good assayer in a year or perhaps less.

I would be willing to recommend you for appointment as Melter as soon as an appropriation is available.

Yours Very Truly
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philad.a

April 8th 1876.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office, without delay, a statement showing the total expenses of your Institution for each fiscal year from 1870 to 1872, inclusive.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

I desire to make a comparison of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1870, 71, & 72, with the years ending June 30, 1873, 74 & 75. We have the latter, but not the former.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acker, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

April 8th 1876.

Send at once by mail, statement of total expenses of your Mint for each fiscal year from eighteen-seventy to eighteen seventy two, both inclusive.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint Carson.

O. H. Lalyrangu, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 8th 1876.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:
"Send at once by mail, statement of total expenses of your Mint for each fiscal year from 1870 to 1872, both inclusive."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

I desire to make a comparison of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1870, 71 & 72 with the years ending June 30, 1873, 74 & 75. We have the latter but not the former.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

April 8th 1876.

State amount of silver exported to China as Treasure since 1st July last, also estimated amount silver carried away by Chinese returning to their homes. Reply by telegraph as early as practicable. If same information for fiscal year ending June 30th 1875, can be given send it.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaFrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Official Bond of Arthur Fieglingen as Ass't. Coiner at your mint, executed in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10.000.).

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaFrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of William Blair, Workman in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Report of Medals & Proof Coins, made and sold at your Mint during the Quarter ended March 31st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense A/c for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have received Statement of your Medal Fund A/c & vouchers, for the quarter ended March 31st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Bluford Wilson, Esq.
Solicitor, Treasy Dept.

April 8th. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and certificate, the Official Bond of Arthur Feuglingen as Assistant Coiner of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 10th. 1876.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the Quarter ending Sept. 30th. 1875, is not on file in this office.

I will thank you to forward it immediately.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 10th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of 1st. inst. transmitting detailed Statement of 300.000. ounces fine silver, purchased under authority given you February 27th. 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq. April 10th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of April 1876, has been approved for the sum of $15.650. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries —	— 1876	—	$2.050.
Wages of Workmen -	"	—	7.000.
Contingent Expenses -	"	—	6.600.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 10th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

The following Statements are due this Office: Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint for the Quarter ending Sept. 30th 1875.

Similar Statement for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq. April 10th 1876.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense &c for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver. Col.

April 10th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $2.341.40 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	— 1876 —	$856.40
Wages of Workmen	"	1.235.
Contingent Expenses	"	250.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise.

April 10th 1876.

Sir:

Please forward at once, your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending Sept. 30th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

April 10th 1876.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses &c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

April 10th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst, enclosing detailed statement of 500,000. ounces of fine silver delivered at your Mint by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, is received. I will thank you to forward a duplicate of the same to the Bank.

You will also please forward to this Office as early as practicable, a detailed statement of 300.000. ounces fine silver, delivered by the same party.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 10th 1876.

Sir:

I am advised by the Bank of California that the delivery of 200,000. ounces fine silver will be completed in a fortnight.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 10th 1876.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find $2.50 in currency, for which please send me by return mail two proof Trade Dollars 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

April 10th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expenses &c. for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. G. B. Linderman & Co.
New York.

April 10th 1876.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully request that you will be kind enough to furnish this Office with the triplicate Bill Lading for coal shipped U. S. Mint San Francisco per ship "St. John Smith", as the duplicate has been mislaid.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

N. K. Masten, Esq.
Cashier Nevada Bank of San Francisco
San Francisco. Cal.

April 10th 1876.

Sir:

I have instructed the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, Philad.a to forward you a detailed statement of the returns of the silver delivered by you under both your contracts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Saml J. Randall — April 11th 1876.

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations,

Sir:

Referring to so much of the Legislative Appropriation Bill as places a limit on the rate of compensation to be allowed employés at San Francisco Mint, your attention is respectfully invited to the memorandum attached hereto, showing the rates of compensation paid by the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, and also the rates allowed for services of a similar character in private establishments, and from which it appears that the Mint rates are from 4 to 35 per cent less than rates in private business.

I cannot but think that the Committee has acted on defective information, and I respectfully suggest that the limitation which the Bill places on the rate of compensation at the San Francisco Mint, be omitted.

In a Mint operating so largely in bullion as the San Francisco Mint, we necessarily have employed a large number of skilled workmen, and it is very doubtful whether their services can be retained at $6. per diem currency, equal to $5.31 gold.

Very respectfully

H. P. Sanderman

Director.

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Rates of Compensation at the Mints in San Francisco & Carson.

Clerks receive from	$5. to $8.		per day in currency.
Skilled Workmen	4. " 7.75		
Engineers	5.50 " 9		
Workmen, Laborers &c	2.87 " 4.75		
Adjusters	$80. per month.		

Gold being the circulating medium in that section of the country, the compensation of Government Employés should, in order to arrive at a correct basis of comparison with rates paid in private establishments, be computed in gold. The average value of a greenback dollar for the last sixteen months, has been about 88½ cents in gold coin. Consequently the compensation of Mint employés has been equal in gold to the following rates.

Clerks	$4.42	to	$7.08	per diem.
Skilled Workmen	3.54	"	6.85	" "
Engineers	4.86	"	7.96	" "
Watchmen, Laborers, &c	2.54	"	4.20	" "
Adjusters			$68.80	per month.

A careful inquiry made by the Officers of the Mints, and Mr. Frederick Eckfeldt of the Director's Office, among the mercantile and manufacturing industries of California and Nevada, shows that Clerks receive according to ability, from $4.75 to $9. per day in gold coin.

Skilled labor, such as Assayers, Melters &c, commands from $6. to $9. per day in gold coin.

Skilled labor, such as Machinists, blacksmiths, carpenters &c, commands from $5. to $5.50 per day in gold coin.

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Engineers command from $4.75 to $10. per day in gold coin.

Miners, laborers &c, command from $3. to $4. per day in gold coin.

Taking the mean of the two rates of compensation in each case, the following average and comparison are arrived at:

	Mint at San Francisco & Carson	Private Establishments	The Mint pay as compared with private Establishments	
Clerks	$5.75	$6.87	Nearly 20% less	
Skilled Workmen	5.19	7.	" 35% "	
Engineers	6.46	7.37	" 15% "	
Unskilled Labor	3.37	3.50	" 04% "	

Hon. Samuel J. Randall — April 11th 1876.
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations.

Sir:

In that portion of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill, relating to the Mints, the Offices of Cashier and Chief Clerk, are consolidated into one Clerkship.

Since the 1st of April 1873, when the coinage act went into effect, the duties and functions of the Treasurer of the Mint under the old law, have devolved on the Superintendent, and which greatly adds to the duties and responsibilities of that Officer.

It is absolutely necessary, that the Supt. should have both a Cashier & Chief Clerk. The former cannot attend to any other duties than those appertaining to the receipt, custody and disbursement of the moneys of the Mint, while the Chief Clerk in addition to other important duties, is required under the law to act as Superintendent in the temporary absence or disability of that officer.

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I therefore recommend, that on line 877, after the word "dollars", the word "each" be added, and the same word after the word "dollars," on line 891. A like alteration will be necessary at the Carson Mint.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 11th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in your favor for the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8.000) on account of the coinage of silver for the redemption of fractional currency during the current month.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 11th 1876.
Supt. &c. Carson.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. I send you by this day's mail two dozen copies of Official oaths of Office.

The Blanks and Blank Books for which you made requisition some time since will be forwarded to you in a few days.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock April 11th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a communication from R. W. Taylor, Esq. representative of the Treasury Dept. at the International Exhibition 1876, in relation to the Exhibition to be made by the Mint Bureau. I have to request that at your early convenience, you will ascertain from the proper Centennial authority, the location and extent of the space allotted us, with a view to estimate expenses which will attend the Exhibition of such articles as it may be deemed advisable to send to the Centennial.

You will report the result of your examination to this Office.

It will be desirable to exhibit a complete duplicate set of the Public Medals and also of the gold and silver coins and any additional articles which you may think proper to send from your Mint.

We shall have but little to send from here and the space allowed may therefore be considered as at your disposal, the total expenses, however, must not exceed $400.

As soon as you have fully considered the matter, please favor me with your views on the subject herein presented, and submit a plan for carrying the same into effect.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 11th 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith Voucher No. 17 of your Medal Fund a/c for the quarter ended March 31, 1876, bill of R. S. McClure for one set of Japanese Fractional Currency, and have to request that Mr. McClure will render a bill for the same in accordance with the corrections which I have made in pencil on the enclosure, which you will approve and forward to be placed with your a/c in the place of the one returned.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

J. G. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

April 11, 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith petty bill #66 of your Ordinary Expenses a/c for the month of March 1876, the same not being receipted.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Nevada Bank of San Francisco
San Francisco.

April 11 1876.

When my letter of 5th instant is received, advise me by telegraph.

H. P. Linderman
Director.

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Confidential

Messrs. Morgan & Orr. April 11th. 1876.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

We are called upon to prepare plans and estimates for a Mint of moderate capacity for a foreign country. After these plans and estimates are sent to that Country, it may be months before anything would be heard from them, and possibly nothing may come of it.

I would like you to submit an estimate of the machinery, apparatus and implements required for a Mint of a capacity of say $10.000.000. gold, and twenty-five millions of silver per annum, say half of the silver in dollars.

Your estimate must include everything except the details of Assayers' apparatus.

The proposed Mint will require a well appointed Engravers' Department, and Engines, Boilers &c. &c.

As soon as you have prepared these estimates I would like Mr. Orr to come here with them and remain for a day to aid us in preparing the plans of the Mint, which Fred. Eckfeldt & myself will immediately commence.

You will also consider whether Mr. Orr would be willing to undertake an absence of say from one year to put up this Mint, fit up with machinery &c. and how many skilled workmen, exclusive of the staff of skilled operatives, he would require to take with him.

The climate of the Country is

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pulmonary and nothing connected with the place to make it undesirable as a temporary residence.

I must request that you will keep this business confidential.

Yours truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Thomas M. Patterson

April 11th 1876.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry respecting the appropriations necessary for the support of the Mint at Denver, I have to state, that for the proper execution of business at that Mint, there should be appropriated, for wages of Workmen $15,000., and for Contingent Expenses, which embraces supplies, materials, repairs &c. $5,000.

The Mint at Denver is located in a permanent Mining District, and is of much service to producers of bullion, as it affords them at all times, facilities for having the purity and value of their bullion ascertained.

The amounts recommended for its support, are the same as have been found necessary to meet the expenses of that Mint from year to year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

April 11th, 1876.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 24th ult., relative to appropriations for the next fiscal year, and have to state that your recommendations will receive due attention when the appropriation Bill shall have reached the Senate.

I notice that your letter has been printed in the Congressional Record of Saturday last. Hereafter when it is desired that Representatives from your State shall have copies of communications addressed to this Office, you will please refer them to the Director.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 11th, 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States, in favor of James Crawford, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev., for the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8000.) on account of the "coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency" during the current month as provided in "an act to provide for the resumption of specie payments", approved January 14th, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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M. V. Davis, Esq.

April 12th 1876.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to visit the Mint at Philadelphia, and procure a set of standard coin Weights, ordered for the Carson Mint. After a thorough examination of the mode of adjusting coinage blanks, and all the manipulations incident to their preparation and coinage, up to their delivery to the Superintendent, you will proceed direct to the Carson Mint, and in connection with the Superintendent, Assayer and Refiner, examine thoroughly and minutely into the preparation of blanks, their mode of adjustment, the condition of the adjusting balances and weights used, milling, stamping, and other details and manipulations.

You will test most carefully the accuracy of the coin weights, the care and skill of the adjusters, with a view to ascertain what measures, if any, are necessary to insure the proper execution of the coinage both as to its conformity to standard weight, and proper mechanical finish.

After you have completed this examination, you will make a detailed report thereof to me, with such recommendations as you may deem proper.

Your necessary traveling expenses from the time of your departure from this City to your arrival in San Francisco will be paid by the Supt. of the Carson Mint, from his appropriation for Contingent Expenses. After completing your duties at the Carson Mint, you will proceed to San Francisco, and report to the Supt. of the Mint in that City.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadel.a

April 12th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a small portion of Sulphuret of Iron, sent from the President.

I will thank you to have it tested for gold and silver, and report the result to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt. &c.

April 12th 1876.

Dear Sir:

I have deemed it best that the manufacture of Dimes for the balance of the fiscal year should be confined to your Mint. You will please run all the machinery applicable for the purpose on Dimes, & the balance on quarters.

You will take immediate steps to run to your full capacity on these two denominations for the balance of the fiscal year.

I will be over in a day or two to confer fully with you as to increasing your capacity. Meantime push the coinage of Dimes.

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. J. H. Gautier & Co. April 12th 1876.
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

You will please manufacture and forward to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. as fast freight 200 black lead stirrers of the size as per pattern enclosed herewith.

You will forward your account in duplicate with Bill Lading to this Office, for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq. April 12th 1876.
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst, making requisition for 200 black lead stirrers, is received, and the order given for the manufacture and shipment of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lagrange, Esq. April 12th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith as requested by you, Bill Lading for coal shipped your Mint, from New York, per ship "St. John Smith."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 15th 1876.

Sir:

It is with deep regret that we find many of the Dimes received here from your Mint defective in execution, and this applies to those bearing date of 1875 and 1876.

These defective pieces show great carelessness or want of skill on the part of the employés in the Coiner's Office charged with the various manipulations; they also show, that there is not that official supervision and scrutiny on the part of the Coiner, and his principal Assistants, that there should be. I cannot understand how these defective pieces could even have passed the Counting board. I deem it prudent that for the present and until otherwise ordered, that you should confine your subsidiary silver coinage to quarter dollars.

It is a painful matter for me to severely censure the officers and employés, charged with the execution of the coinage, but the interest of the public service requires that from this time forward, there shall be greater scrutiny exercised on the part of the officers including the Superintendent.

The Director must necessarily rely chiefly on the Superintendent for the proper execution of the various operations appertaining to the Coinage, and hold him, the Superintendent, responsible, and he in turn must hold the operative officers responsible.

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Your earnest attention to the details of the Coining Dept. is absolutely necessary, and the qualifications and careful attention to duty of every person employed therein should be immediately inquired into, and any incompetent or careless employés removed, and particular pains taken to appoint in their places properly qualified persons.

If these matters shall not be fully and effectually corrected without delay, such reorganization as may be necessary to that end will have to be made at the close of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 12th 1876.
San Francisco.

Confine subsidiary coinage to quarters. Examine all dimes as to finish before sending East.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent, April 12th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

Examine all dimes carefully before sending East, and reject any pieces of defective finish. Letter by mail.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint. April 12th 1876.
Carson Nevada.
The necessary appropriations for the support of your Mint have been agreed upon.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint. April 12th 1876.
Carson Nevada.
Coin fine subsidiary coinage - to quarter dollars until otherwise instructed.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent Document Room April 12th 1876.
U. S. Senate.
Sir:
I will thank you to send me a copy of Senate Bill No. 716.
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent Document Room, April 12th 1876.
H. of Rep's.
Sir:
I will thank you to send me copies of H. R. Bills Nos. 3067, and 3123.
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office with the Monthly Statement of Bullion Operations in the Melter and Refiner's Dept, of your Mint, for the month of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint — April 13th 1876.
Philadelphia.

Send to the Treasurer of the United States as soon as practicable, counting boards, and apparatus connected with it for quarters and dimes and five cent nickel pieces. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — April 13th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst, enclosing detailed statement of fine silver purchased of the Bank of California, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

April 13th 1876.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday respecting appropriations, I have to state that on being called before the Committee to explain the Mint Estimates (a month or two ago) I explicitly stated that from personal knowledge I could say that there was not a single person employed in your establishment whose services could be dispensed with, and that the business of the Office was conducted as strictly and economically as in private establishments.

The Committee in its discretion thought proper to reduce the estimates; subsequently, in two or three interviews which I had with Chairman Randall, I stated that no reduction could safely be made. There the matter stood until a few days ago, when Mr. Randall informed me that your estimates were in the hands of Mr. Wheeler (of the Committee) and would be settled according to estimates or copies of estimates in the hands of that gentleman.

It is not my intention to recommend any modification of the estimates, until after the Bill reaches the Senate, when I shall present my views at length as to the inexpediency of reducing salaries, the necessity for increased appropriations and submit at the same time a statement which will show beyond

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successful contradiction, that the Mints and Assay Offices in their economical administration will not suffer by comparison with any other branch of the service, or manufacturing establishments conducted by private enterprise.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

April 13th 1876.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday enclosing a statement of the operations of your Office for the three years prior to and succeeding the Coinage Act of 1873. Such a Statement had already been prepared in this Office from the Annual Reports.

The comparison shows a highly gratifying increase in the operations, and but a small per centage of increase in expenditures.

A copy of the Statement when printed, will be sent to you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Supt. Document Room
House of Representatives.

April 13th 1876.

Sir:

Will you please send me a copy of H. R. Bill #2934.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 13th 1876.
San Francisco.

Until otherwise instructed you will run exclusively on gold coins and quarter and half dollars, coining to your full capacity. Deposits for trade dollars made after today will have to await the convenience of the Mint. You will coin into subsidiary coins your silver bullion fund until further instructed.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Approved - Chas. T. Conant
Actg Secy.

Similar telegram sent to Superintendent Mint, Carson.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed: "Until otherwise instructed you will run exclusively on gold coins and quarter and half dollars, coining to your full capacity. Deposits for trade dollars made after today will have to await the convenience of the Mint. You will coin into subsidiary coins your silver bullion fund until further instructed."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

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Hon. D. W. Mulvey,
1st Auditor.

April 13th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Subsidiary Silver Coinage Account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of January, 1876.

Your attention is respectfully directed to an item in the bill of Justinian Caire, Voucher #428, for "Two Carvers & 2 forks @ $2.00 = $4.00".

This does not appear to be a legitimate Mint expense and I have to request that the same be disallowed in the settlement of the account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor
1st Comptroller.

April 13th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your Office the Official Bond of Arthur Fieglinger as Asst. Coiner in the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. M. C. Kerr
Speaker Ho. House of Representatives.

April 13th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of Rossiter W. Raymond, Commissioner of Mining Statistics.

Very respectfully
Chas. F. Conant
Actg Secretary of the Treasury.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 15th 1876.

Sir:

I must again express my dissatisfaction at the frequent changes in the working force of your Mint. I cannot see the least necessity for pursuing this course, on the contrary, it undoubtedly tends to demoralization and inefficiency.

In the case of the appointment of C. G. Wilkins, Roller, as Foreman of the Rolling Room, vice E. B. Dunning removed, it is necessary that the cause of the removal of Mr. Dunning should be stated before the same can meet with my approval.

You submit the appointment of M. F. Lady, Jr., as Chief Adjuster, vice F. H. Fisher, transferred to the General Dept. as Chief Engineer. We have received no notice of the resignation or removal of Martin Bulger, Chief Engineer of your Mint.

Considering the state of appropriations for your Mint no further increase in your force can be made during the remainder of the present fiscal year.

In order to relieve you from any embarrassment the removals and promotions submitted have been approved, (with the exception of Mr. Dunning's), but hereafter when removals are made in any department of the Mint, the causes of such removals must be communicated to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

April 13th 1876.

Substitute two hundred thousand dollars in quarter dollars, and one hundred thousand dollars in half dollars, for three hundred thousand dollars in dimes to be transferred as stated in my letter of fourth instant. Dimes not wanted here.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 13th 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed. viz:

"Substitute two hundred thousand dollars in quarter dollars, and one hundred thousand dollars in half dollars for three hundred thousand dollars in dimes, to be transferred as stated in my letter of fourth instant. Dimes not wanted here."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

April 13th 1876.

Am awaiting reply to despatch of eighth as to exports of silver to China. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 29th ult., explaining certain discrepancies in your Subsidiary Silver Coinage ⅌ for the month of January, 1876, and returning corrected Abstract and account current.

I have this day referred the above mentioned account to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, together with a copy of your letter in regard to the same.

The Auditor has been requested to disallow the item of carving knives & forks in the bill of Justinian Caire, Voucher #428, to which your attention was called in my letter of the 28th of February, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The official bond of Mr. Arthur Gieglingen as Assist. Refiner in your Mint, executed in the sum of ten thousand dollars, has been approved by the Director of the Mint, and the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to the 1st Comptroller for file in his office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Official oaths of the following employés of your Mint, viz:

Jno. R. Bulger	Machine Hand	Coiners Dept.	
Chas. A. Rappold	Workman	"	"
P. J. Donoghue	"	Serif.	"
Danl. Shaw	"	Coiner's	"
Ada Wilder	Adjuster	"	"

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent Document Room, April 13th 1876.
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

Will you please send me a copy of Senate Bill #730.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock April 14th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

Sir,

You will commence the next annual settlement in time to have everything completely closed and the books and accounts balanced by the 28th of June.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock Esq. April 14th 1876.

Dear Sir:

I notice by the newspapers that Mr. A. B. Linderman is in San Francisco. I was not aware until within a few days that he had gone there. If he is absent on leave and without pay all right, but if not without pay, it should not be allowed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock April 14th 1876.
Supt. &c.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to coin as many dimes as possible, and coin quarter dollars to such extent as the machinery may not be adopted for the fabrication of dimes. Every modification or addition of force necessary to comply with the above instructions is hereby authorized.

Should the appropriations not be sufficient for the purpose, you will please so inform me, and indicate the amount which will be required in addition, when further instructions will be given.

You will please see that there is no delay in increasing the coinage of dimes to the full extent practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Such werurk may be done as you deem proper. H. R. L.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

April 14th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Before the next Annual Settlement we shall coin into Subsidiary coin such portion of the silver bullion fund as can be spared. Will you please inform me what amount can be withdrawn from your Office either by transfer, or your sending it to Philad.a for subsidiary silver coins, retaining sufficient to meet the usual demand for bars and trade dollars.

It is not improbable that for the balance of the fiscal year preference will be given to the coinage of gold & subsidiary coin. After the settlement we can increase your silver fund.

Yours respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

April 15th 1876.

Assayer in Charge,
Boise Assay Office.

Sir:

I have received your A/c of Ordinary Expenses for the month of March 1876, also, your Bullion accounts for the 1st Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

April 15th 1876.

Sir:

It is my desire that there shall be no unparted bullion on hand on the 30th day of June next, and that every thing connected with the settlement, shall be so arranged that the accounts may be made up, closed, and the balances stated on that day.

You will therefore arrange to commence the settlement in time, to allow the above requirements to be met. We shall require sweeps, and every description of bullion to be gathered up, and the necessary assays made and reported by the 28th day of June, operations in the Refinery must be suspended in time to allow the foregoing instructions to be complied with, and such repairs to be made as may be necessary.

Whilst leaving the time of commencing the annual settlement to your discretion, there must be no failure to have everything completed, and the accounts in shape to exhibit the exact condition of the Mint. You will please give the bookkeeper timely notice of this requirement.

If you should regard it as necessary in order to fully comply with the above instructions to exclude deposits of crude bullion after the 10th of June, you are authorized to do so. In the meantime, you will coin into quarters and half dollars all your silver bullion fund, excepting 200.000. ounces.

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As some of the reserved dimes of last year's coinage, were not to be well finished, you had better have all that you have on hand carefully examined, sending them East, and send none, but those that are perfect in finish.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

April 15th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting Statement of Coins reserved for Annual Assay, for the quarter ending March 31st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

April 15th 1876.

Sir:

I have examined your Ordinary Expense &c for the month of March, 1876, and have referred the same to the Accounting Officer of the Dept, for adjustment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

April 15th. 1876.

Sir:

It is my desire that there shall be no unparted bullion on hand on the 30th. day of June next, and that everything connected with the settlement shall be so arranged that the accounts may be made up, closed, and the balances noted on that day. You will therefore arrange to commence the settlement in time to allow the above requirements to be met. We shall require receipts and every description of bullion to be gathered up, and the necessary assays made and reported by the 28th. of June, operations in the Refinery must be suspended in time to allow the foregoing instructions to be complied with, and such repairs to be made as may be necessary.

Whilst leaving the time of commencing the annual settlement to your discretion there must be no failure to have everything completed and the accounts in shape to exhibit the exact condition of the Mint. You will please give the book-keeper timely notice of this requirement.

If you should regard it as necessary in order to fully comply with the above instructions to exclude deposits of crude bullion after the 10th. or 15th. of June, you are authorized to do so. In the meantime, you will coin into quarters and half dollars all of your silver bullion fund, excepting 500.000. ounces.

In view of the fact that a considerable

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portion of the Dimes received here from your Mint are defective in their mechanical finish, all of those you have on hand should be carefully scrutinized, piece by piece, before being sent East.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 15th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith for the signature of the Assayer, Report upon Silver Bullion No. 63, Report No. 118 and Report No. 160; also Certificate of Silver Deposit No. 87.

I return for proper endorsement Gold Bullion Receipt No. 1589, also for receipt Gold Bullion Warrant No. 1237.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 15th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst, transmitting Record of Deliveries of Gold and Silver Coins, and Reserved Assay Coins, for the Quarter ending March 31st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadel.a

Sir:

Your Mint will have to be run next year to its full capacity on Silver coin, especially as the coinage costs less there than on the Pacific Coast. In anticipation of the enactment of the "Silver Bill" I have delayed asking for increased appropriations for the purpose of determining the amount which would be required in that contingency.

You will please inform me of the amounts which will be required for "Wages of Workmen", and "Contingent Expenses", respectively for next fiscal year. Please recollect that you will be required to run to your full capacity, and work overtime, and that under such heavy and continuous work, the item of repairs will be much heavier than usual.

Very respectfully your
H. R. Linderman
Director.

It is very important that you coin all the Dimes possible until the annual settlement.

Hon. Jas Pollock

April 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

I forward to you by mail today, a small package of ore, which I wish thank you to have assayed, and the result transmitted to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Pollock, Esq.
Supt. Philad.a Mint.

April 15th 1876.

Sir:

I have received & approved, Bill of Mr. McClure, for a set of Japanese Currency, returned corrected in your letter of the 12th inst.

I have this day referred ~~to the~~ Accounting Officers for adjustment, your Medal Fund Account for the quarter ended March 31, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 15th 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst, I have to state that a similar statement, to that furnished this Office of the outturn of 500.000. ounces fine silver received at your Mint from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, should be furnished the bank.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

April 15th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Medal Fund a/c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philad.a, for the quarter ended March 31st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. April 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th inst, transmitting Statement of Operations of U. S. Assay Office at New York, for quarter ending March 31st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. April 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst, relative to the failure of the Supt. of the San Francisco Mint, to draw upon you for the net proceeds of 177 bbls sweeps, sold by you, I have to request that in case you do not hear from him in the course of the next ten days, you will again notify him in writing to draw upon you for the amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon April 15th 1876.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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R. W. Mercer, Esq. April 15th 1876.
117 W. 6th St, Cincinnati.

Sir:

Your letter of Feb. 7th was duly received, but misland.

The gold piece referred to is not a United States Coin, and therefore not a legal tender.

Old copper cents are redeemable only in sums of $30.00 or the multiple thereof.

I herewith return the coin transmitted by you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq. April 15th 1876.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

A request having been received for plans and an estimate of the cost of fitting up a Mint, of moderate capacity for a foreign Government, I have to request that you will furnish me with an estimate of the cost of all the balances, and weights, which would be required for such a Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Supt. Document Room, U. S. Senate, April 17th 1876.

Sir:

Will you please send me a copy of Senate Bill #739.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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J. G. L. Schirmer, Esq. April 17th 1876.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver.

Sir:

Hereafter all assays and tests of ores at your Mint must be made on account of the United States, the charge therefor you will fix so as to cover the actual expenses incurred, and you will account quarterly for all moneys received for such assay by forwarding to this office an abstract of the amount received, accompanied by a certificate of deposit showing that the same has been deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S.

In any assay or tests which you may make outside of the Mint in your individual capacity you will be careful not to give a certificate in your official capacity.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. G. L. Schirmer, Esq. April 17th 1876.
Assayer in Chg. Mint, U. S.
Denver.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst, transmitting a Statement of the Earnings & Expenditures of the Mint at Denver, for the Quarter ending March 31st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 17th 1876.
Philadelphia.

State by telegraph your probable subsidiary silver coinage for April, naming denominations.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.
Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 17th 1876.
San Francisco.

At the close of business on every Saturday report by telegraph amount of subsidiary silver coin on hand, stating denominations.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint April 17th 1876.
Carson.

Ascertain lowest price per ounce fine at which Nevada Bank will sell your Mint two hundred thousand ounces silver, payment to be made as indicated in my letter of fifth instant to that Bank.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq. April 17th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson. Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst, enclosing Statement of the Count and examination of the Cashier's Vault, April 8th 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank of San Francisco April 17th 1876.
San Francisco.

At what price will you sell and deliver at the Philadelphia Mint, one million and a half ounces fine silver.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq. April 17th 1876.
Superintendent &c.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst, requesting copies of the "Laws &c, relative to the Mint and coinage of the U. States," and in reply send you by today's mail three copies of Instructions and Regulations governing the transactions at the Mints and Assay Offices, which pamphlet also contains a copy of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 17th 1876.

Sir:

Having had a consultation with the Hon. R. W. Taylor, relative to the subject matter of your letter dated the 15th inst, that gentleman informs me that he is unable to make any allotment of any portion of the Building assigned to the Treasury Dept., until such time as he can make a personal examination of the Building. He will visit Philadelphia in a few days for that purpose, at which time you will be duly advised in order that you may confer with him relative to the matter.

In the meantime you will please have a suitable case prepared in which to exhibit a duplicate set of coins and medals.

I think it will be better to pay for the coins out of the Centennial appropriation, with the understanding that they shall be sent to the Treasury through this Office at the close of the Exhibition.

The Bronze Medals may be furnished by you, and returned when the Exhibition is over, or, if you think best, payment for these medals at their actual cost may also be made out of the above named appropriation.

We shall have nothing to send from here, except one or two small packages, that will involve no expense.

I should suppose the appropriation sufficient to cover the purchase of coins and Medals, and have something over for incidental expenses.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 17th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst, transmitting a duplicate Statement of Melter and Refiner's Bullion Operations for the month of February 1876.

As there appears to be a slight difference between the original and duplicate Statements of the amount of gold delivered, I will thank you to inform me which of the inclosed is correct and return to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon James Pollock — April 17th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find check for $15. for which please return me twelve proof trade dollars, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 17th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadª.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst, enclosing Coiner's Report of Coinage, executed for the week ending that day, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

April 17th 1876.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 15th inst, I send you by this days' mail, a further supply of Blanks, showing the Bullion Operations of the Melter & Refiner at your institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint,
Philadª. Pa.

April 17th 1876.

Please favor me with your views by letter in respect to the necessity and expediency of having the cent blanks prepared outside of the Mint. There must be no delay in bringing the Mint up to its full capacity on silver, employing additional force and working overtime.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st. Auditor.

April 17th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense ⁄c of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall April 17th 1876.

Chairman Com. Appropriations. H.R.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your despatch of current date, I send herewith comparative statement showing the rate of wages paid at the U. S. Mints at San Francisco and Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Comparative Statement showing the wages paid at the U. S. Mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco:

Workmen	Philadelphia	San Francisco
Assayers' Assistants	from $3.00 to $6.00 per diem.	from $5.00 to $7.25 per diem
Melters	" 3.25 " 3.75 "	" 6.00 " 6.90 " "
Helpers	" 2.90 " 3.00 "	" 5.00 " 5.25 " "
Operatives in Refinery	" 3.00 " 3.50 "	" 5.25 " 6.00 " "
Rollers	" 2.90 " 3.50 "	" 5.25 " 6.25 " "
Cutters	" 2.90 " 3.50 "	" 5.25 " 6.25 " "
Cleaners	" 2.90 " 3.50 "	" 5.25 " 6.25 " "
Annealers	" 2.90 " 3.50 "	" 5.25 " 6.25 " "
Machinists	" 3.75 " 4.50 "	" 5.50 " 6.70 " "
Engineers	" 2.90 " 4.75 "	" 5.00 " 9.00 " "
Carpenters	" 3.00 " 5.00 "	" 5.25 " 5.75 " "
Sabrers	" 2.75 " 2.90 "	" 3.25 " 4.75 " "
Adjusters	" $1.75 per diem.	$80.00 per month (about $3.00 per day.)

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J. E. Thompson, Esqr.
Fitchburg, Mass.

April 17th, 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I would state that "The Mint Manual of Coins of all Nations" by James Ross Snowden, and published by Messrs. Lippincott & Co. Philadla, gives a history of the Coinage of the U. S.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

John Knight, Esq.
Alderbrook P. O. Arkansas.

April 17th, 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst, addressed to the President, and inclosing a sample of ore, was referred to this office.

The ore is a Sulphuret of Iron, and the sample yielded Silver at the rate of fifteen ounces to the ton, and also a trace of gold.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in charge Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

April 17th, 1876.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept, for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense &c for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Charles J. Allen, Esq. April 17th 1876.
304 Arch Street,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst, I take pleasure in sending to your address by todays mail, two copies of a pamphlet of Instructions and Regulations governing the transactions at the Mints and Assay Offices, which also contains a copy of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 18th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

The Nevada Bank understands the mode of payment and will make its offer accordingly. You need only ask the price at which it will sell. Confine your inquiry to that Bank.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 18th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz: "The Nevada Bank understands the mode of payment and will make its offer accordingly. You need only ask the price at which it will sell. Confine your inquiry to that Bank."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

April 18th 1876.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from your bullion fund to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid by you from Silver profit fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 18th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin (quarter dollars) to be transferred from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid by Superintendent of the Mint from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 18th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to my letters of this date disapproving the appointment of an additional Watchman in the General, and an additional Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. of your Mint, I have to say that in view of the fact that your payrolls at present aggregate about $30.000.- per month, while there remains only about $35.000.- of the Appropriation for Wages for the service of your Mint for the present fiscal year, I do not feel authorized to consent to any further increase of your force.

In order to prevent any embarrassment in the settlement of your accounts compensation at the rates mentioned in your letters of appointment will be allowed these persons from the date of appointment to the receipt of this letter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 18th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Wm. H. Driscoll, Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 18th 1876.

Sir:

The appointment of Clarence W. Fisher, as Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. of your Mint, at a compensation of $5.25 vice Jno. W. Morris, promoted, submitted in your communication of the 5th inst, is not approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 18th 1876.

Sir:

The appointment of Mr. Harlow S. Street as Night Watchman in the General Dept. of your Mint at a compensation of $3.75 per diem, submitted in your communication of the 10th inst, is not approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jno. B. Lenn, Esq.
Marmaton, Bourbon Co. Ks.

April 18th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst, is received.

The specimens transmitted are fossil coral from limestone, and are of no value.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq. April 18th 1876.
Assayer in Chg. Mint, U.S.
Denver.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst, in reference to Examination of Weights, is received.

The examination made by Mr. Kremmer, was not intended to take the place of that prescribed by the regulations.

You are hereby instructed to comply in future, with Regulation 5, referred to, and at the close of each fiscal year transmit to this Office a Statement of the examination made, and properly certified to by the Assayer and Melter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq. April 18th 1876.
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver. Col.

Sir:

I have received your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending March 31st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Louis McLane April 18, 1876.
Nevada Bank, San Francisco.

One hundred and three dollars thirty seven cents per hundred dollars, new five per cent Bonds ex interest. Interest commences May first will require five hundred thousand ounces of fine silver additional divided between Boston and San Francisco

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Mints, specify rates accordingly.

H. P. Sinderman
Director.

Louis McLane, Esq. April 18th. 1876.

President Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz:

"One hundred and three dollars thirty seven cents per hundred dollars, new five per cent Bonds Ex interest. Interest commences May first, will require five hundred thousand ounces of fine silver additional divided between Carson and San Francisco Mints. Specify rates accordingly."

Very respectfully
H. P. Sinderman
Director.

Hon. Francis E. Spinner April 18th. 1876.

Jacksonville, Florida.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt this morning of your letter of the 14th inst, making request for the Circular exhibiting the values in United States money of the pure gold or silver representing respectively the monetary units and standard coins of foreign Countries. Your letter dated March 5th ult, was duly received, and I directed an immediate compliance with your request, but through some inadvertence the letter was placed on file. I very much regret this carelessness - and the annoyance thus caused you.

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Enclosed you will please find the circular requested, together with the two postage stamps enclosed in yours of the 14th inst.

I take pleasure in sending by this day's mail, to your address, a bound copy of my last Annual Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

I trust that you are in the enjoyment of good health. L.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 19th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 6th inst, explaining certain items in your Subsidiary Silver Coinage & for the month of February 1876, and returning corrected Vouchers Abstract and ⅌ current.

I have referred your account to the First Auditor for adjustment, together with a copy of your letter of the 6th inst.

The attention of the Auditor has been directed to an overpayment of $11.29 in Voucher #474.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Genl. O. H. LaGrange — April 19th 1876.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I received this morning from the Carson Mint specimen of Dime Coinage showing fine finish in every respect. I suppose this improvement is due chiefly to the employment of a competent expert as general foreman of the Coining Department (Harmstead)

I should like you to consider at once the propriety of procuring from the Philadelphia Mint a thoroughly competent person for foreman of the Coining Department providing one can be obtained. My sole object in making this suggestion, is to insure the uniform proper finish of the silver coins.

If after a careful examination of the subject you are well satisfied that the Dime coinage can safely proceed at your Mint, you may commence coining that denomination again, but only to such extent as will admit of the utmost care against the striking of pieces not properly finished in every particular.

The Treasurer mentioned to me this morning that some of your quarters were not well finished, and also showed me two dime blanks found in counting $20.000. Dimes.

I need add nothing further except that if you think it best to have a skilled expert from the Philadᵃ Mint, I will arrange accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint April 19th 1876.
San Francisco.

Nevada Bank will deliver at your Mint three hundred thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred and seventeen cents per ounce fine - full instructions as to mode of payment will be sent you by mail.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq. April 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

"Nevada Bank will deliver at your Mint three hundred thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred and seventeen cents per ounce fine. Full instructions as to mode of payment will be sent you by mail."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint April 19th 1876.
San Francisco.

Have you made any shipments on last transfer order, if not commence immediately; and notify me by telegraph when first shipment is made.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint April 19th 1876.
San Francisco.

Bullion fund will be increased as requested.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:
"Bullion fund will be increased as requested."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir,

Your letter of the 11th inst, enclosing a sample dime of Carson coinage, is received.

The piece is well executed and very creditable to your Mint. Whenever you think you can make a general run of dimes equal to the sample transmitted, you may commence striking them in proportion to the amount of your coinage.

I shall be pleased to see a like improvement in the execution of the other denominations of coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 19th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

Nevada Bank will deliver two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at your Mint at one hundred and seventeen cents per ounce fine, full instructions as to mode of payment will be sent you by mail.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

"Nevada Bank will deliver two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at your Mint at one hundred and seventeen cents per ounce fine. Full instructions as to mode of payment will be sent you by mail."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 19th 1876
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst, transmitting Statements of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon by the Refiner, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

April 19th, 1876.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 8th inst, enclosing corrected Warrants and "Silver Bullion &c", belonging to your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1875.

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept, for examination and settlement, your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ended December 31, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

April 19th, 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst, transmitting the Result of Assays of Special Test Coins of the Mint at San Francisco, for March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Superintendent Document Room
U. S. Senate.

April 19th, 1876.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me a copy of Senate Bill #263.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia

April 19th 1876.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst, I have to state that it is highly important that the coinage of Subsidiary Silver Coins at your Mint be brought up to its full capacity, and such overtime, and employment of additional workmen as may be necessary to that end, is hereby authorized; and whenever necessary, funds will be placed in your hands to meet the expenses incident to the increased manufacture of silver coin, and of which you will please give due notice as to the amount required.

Next month you will run one half of your capacity on Dimes, and the other half on quarter and half dollars.

We have today closed a contract with the Nevada Bank of San Francisco to deliver at your Mint 1.500.000. ounces fine silver at 118 cents per ounce fine, shipments to commence immediately; payment for this silver will be made by the Department after the delivery and assay.

Further instructions on this subject will be sent you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

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J. H. L. Schirmer, Esq. April 19th 1876.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst, enclosing Memorandum of Gold Bullion deposited at New York Assay Office, is received.

The apparent discrepancy in the value of the Silver parted from gold, and calculated at 107 per standard ounce, is accounted for by Regulation 5. p. 7 of General Instructions and Regulations. The New York memorandum is therefore correct.

The Mint at Denver being conducted as an Assay Office, re-delivering the identical bullion worked, to the depositor, instead of paying therefor in gold coin, and the value of silver being fluctuating, it is difficult to fix a uniform rate for calculating its value.

You are therefore instructed in future not to estimate the value of silver contained, in dollars and cents, but to furnish it in standard ounces and fractions of an ounce.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Hon. Wm. J. O'Brien April 19th 1876.
H. R.

I can add nothing to what I stated when before your Committee; my opinion is that Assay facilities at New Orleans will prove useful to the people of that City.

H. R. Linderman – Director.

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall April 19th 1876.
H. R.

Dear Sir:

As requested I send herewith duplicate of my letter to the coinage Committee in reference to opening and conducting the New Orleans Mint as an Assay Office. This letter was prepared and sent pursuant to the request of that Committee after I had explained to it the present Minting and assaying capacity.

It is proper to add that under a provision contained in the appropriation Bill two years ago, the Mint at New Orleans was put in condition to assay and stamp bullion, but it could not be opened as an Assay Office as the Bill contained the provision that it should be conducted as a Mint. The appropriation was not sufficient to do more than place the assay department in working condition.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. W. E. Arthur April 19th 1876.
Covington, Ky.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 16th inst, I send you by to-day's mail a copy of my Annual Report, on p. 98 of which you will find the desired estimate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

April 19th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I respectfully suggest that you consider the propriety of instructing the Collectors of Customs in the different cities, in reporting the export of silver coin, to make a distinction between Trade Dollars and Subsidiary Silver coin, in order that we may know how much of the latter leaves this country. Usually I believe all descriptions of silver coin including foreign silver coin is included under the title of "Silver coin."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

April 19th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco be increased five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from the Assist. Treasurer of the U. S., and that the transfer be made immediately by telegraph.

This addition to the bullion fund is necessary to enable the Superintendent of the Mint to make prompt payment for gold deposits, and for the gold contained in deposits of Doré Silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon April 19th 1876.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Subsidiary Silver Coinage Acct of the Supt. of the San Francisco Mint, for the month of February 1876, together with a copy of a letter from that officer explaining certain items in the account.

Your attention is respectfully directed to an overpayment of $11.29 in voucher #474.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon April 19th 1876.

1st Auditor

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion Acct of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the Fourth Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank of San Francisco. April 19th 1876.

San Francisco.

When will delivery at Philadelphia commence and by what date probably completed.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Nevada Bank of San Francisco — April 19th 1876.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you this day is hereby made official:

When will delivery at Philadelphia commence, and by what date probably completed?

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank of San Francisco — April 19th 1876.
San Francisco.

Accepted. Deliver Two Hundred Thousand ounces at Carson Mint. Commence delivering at Philadelphia Mint immediately, and Three Hundred Thousand ounces at San Francisco Mint, as the Superintendent may require it.

H. R. Linderman
Director

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Nevada Bank of San Francisco — April 19th 1876.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you this day is hereby made official: "Accepted. Deliver Two Hundred Thousand ounces at Carson Mint. Commence delivering at Philadelphia Mint immediately, and Three Hundred Thousand ounces at San Francisco Mint as the Superintendent may require it."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Milton Sayler April 19th 1876.
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst, requesting certain information for your constituent, I transmit herewith a printed circular containing the desired information.

His letter is also enclosed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafrangee, Esq. April 20th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 12th inst, submitting for approval an increase in the compensation of Wm. E. Tracy, computation Clerk, from $6.50 to $7.50 per diem, I have to say, that I cannot consent to any increase in the salaries or wages paid at your Mint during the balance of the present fiscal year.

About the first of July I propose, either in person or through some properly authorized agent to examine and readjust the compensation allowed the clerical and operative force of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

April 20th 1876.

Sir:

On the delivery to your Mint of three hundred thousand (300.000.) ounces of fine silver by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, you will compute the value thereof at the rate of $1.17 per ounce fine that being the purchasing rate and issue a certificate in duplicate in the following form, the original of which you will forward to this Office and the duplicate deliver to the Bank.

Mint of the United States
San Francisco, Calif.
1876.

I hereby certify that I have received from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, three hundred thousand ounces fine silver, the value of which at $1.17 per ounce fine is three hundred and fifty one thousand dollars, and that I hold the same subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Superintendent.

You were notified by telegraph that you would be further instructed as to mode of payment. I have now to inform you, that payment for this silver will be made by the department direct upon the receipt of the original certificate from you in the form as above indicated. When this certificate is received the amount due will be paid, and simultaneously covered into the Treasury under the proper head and a regular transfer made of the same

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to the credit of the Bullion Fund of your Mint.

As the Bank may not be able to deliver exactly 300.000. ounces we would prefer that the amount delivered should be a few hundred ounces over, rather than under.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint April 20th. 1876.
San Francisco.

As soon as you shall have examined your Dimes on hand and have a lot ready for transfer East, please advise stating amount.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 20th. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:
"As soon as you shall have examined your Dimes on hand, and have a lot ready for transfer East, please advise, stating amount."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

April 20th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th. inst, transmitting a Requisition for $2.000., on account of the Appropriation for Construction and Equipment of the Refinery, the amount called for being required to meet the bills of J. Caire for crucibles purchased under contract.

Before approving of the same, I have to request that you will furnish this Office with the bills for the crucibles, and a certified copy of the contract under which they were purchased.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 20th. 1876.

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Sir:

Your letter of the 12th. inst, transmitting Report on Carson Mint & Special Assay Coins for month of March 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

April 20th 1876.

Sir:

When you shall have received from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco five hundred thousand ounces of fine silver as determined by Melt and Assay at your Mint on account of the purchase made on the 19th inst, you will issue and forward to this office in duplicate a certificate in the following form.

Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia

1876.

I hereby certify that I have received from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco five hundred thousand ounces fine silver the value of which at $1.18 per ounce fine is five hundred and ninety thousand dollars, and that I hold the same subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Superintendent.

In my letter of yesterday you were advised that payment for this silver would be made by the Department. I have now to inform you that as soon as the certificates in the form above indicated are received by this office, payment will be made to the seller of the bullion, and the amount simultaneously covered into the Treasury under the proper head and a regular transfer made of the same to the credit of your Bullion Fund.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

April 20th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. transmitting Statements of Gold and Silver Workings in the Refiner's Dept. for March 1876, is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, Philad.a.

April 20th 1876.

Sir:

I am advised by the Nevada Bank, that it will commence shipment of last lot of silver purchased for coinage at your Mint, (1.500.000. oz. fine) today, "and complete probably by June 1st, sooner if possible".

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,

1st Auditor.

April 20th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the month of March, 1876.

Petty bill # 66 of this account was not receipted and has been returned for that purpose.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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N. H. Masten Esq. April 20th 1876.
Cash. Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day instructed the Superintendents of the Mints of the U. S. at Carson, and San Francisco, as to the form of certificate to be issued by them upon the delivery by you of the fine silver at their respective Mints, purchased on the 19th inst., the original of which is to be transmitted to this office, and the duplicate to be delivered to and held by you until payment is made for the silver delivered, when it is to be surrendered to this office for cancellation.

For your information I enclose a copy of the certificate they have been instructed to issue. As soon as the original certificate is received at this office the necessary steps will be taken to insure prompt payment.

In regard to the silver to be delivered at the Philadelphia Mint, the Superintendent will be instructed that as soon as five hundred thousand ounces have been received, to issue and forward to this Office a certificate for the same, when payment will be made, and so on until the full amount has been delivered.

As it may not be convenient for you to deliver the exact number of ounces specified at each Mint, we would prefer that you deliver a few hundred ounces over rather than under.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman, Director.

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Jas. L. Kelly — April 20th 1876.

#713 Chestnut St. Phil.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst, requesting an appointment in the Mint at Philadª, is received.

While I should be pleased to serve you, I regret it is not in my power to do so, the law expressly placing the appointing power in the hands of the Officers of the several Mints.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank of San Francisco — April 20th 1876.

San Francisco.

Instructions as to form of certificate sent by mail today and copy forwarded to you.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Assay Office N.Y. — April 20th 1876.

When may we expect your reply to letter of fourteenth instant respecting transfer of silver to Philadelphia.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent Document Room — April 20th 1876.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me a copy of H.R. Bill #3159.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

April 20th 1876.

Sir:

On the delivery to your Mint of two hundred thousand (200,000) ounces of fine silver by the "Nevada Bank" of San Francisco, you will compute the value thereof at the rate of $1.17 per ounce fine, that being the purchasing rate, and issue a certificate in duplicate, in the following form, the original of which you will forward to this Office, and the duplicate deliver to the Bank, viz:

Mint of the United States
Carson City, Nev.
1876.

I hereby certify that I have received from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, two hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver, the value of which at $1.17 per ounce fine is two hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars; and that I hold the same subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Superintendent.

You were notified by telegraph that you would be further instructed as to the mode of payment. I have now to inform you, that payment for this silver will be made by the department direct upon the receipt of the original certificate from you, in the form as above indicated. When this certificate is received the amount due

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will be paid, and simultaneously covered into the Treasury under the proper head, and a regular transfer made of the same to the credit of the Bullion Fund of your Mint.

As the Bank may not be able to deliver exactly 200.000. ounces, we would prefer that the amount delivered should be a few hundred ounces over, rather than under.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — April 21st 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst, transmitting certificate of deposit for $40. on account of proceeds of sale of old materials, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 21st 1876.
Supt. Mint, Philadᵃ

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find $2.50 in currency, for which I will thank you to forward by Express a bronze copy of the Robinson-Seward Medal, to S. G. Pike, Calais, Maine.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Telegram. R. J. Stevens, April 21, 1876.

Clerk Com. to Appropriations. H.R.

Yes, except as to wastage and expenses of transporting subsidiary silver and the minor coins.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Hon. Jas. Pollock April 22, 1876.

Supt. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

One hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver will be transferred to your Mint from the Bullion Fund of the New York Assay Office; 100.000 ounces of which will be forwarded as soon as the preliminary arrangements can be perfected, and the balance soon as practicable thereafter.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 22, 1876.

Philadelphia.

If your present supply of silver and that to come from the West is not likely to be sufficient we can order one hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver from New York. Answer.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

April 22d 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 12th inst, in relation to certain disallowances in your Ordinary Accounts for the months of October, November, and December on account of Expenditures in connection with the Lunch Room at your Mint, and informing me that you have withdrawn all the objectionable Vouchers from your Accounts.

It would have been better if you had obtained new bills in the place of Vouchers #186 and #277.

I have this day referred these Vouchers together with abstracts of Disbursements and Accounts current for the months named, to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

April 22d 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office Daily Statement for April 6th now having been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 22d. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 13th. inst, transmitting a package of Vouchers pertaining to the Refinery Construction Accounts returned by the Department as defective, and have this day referred the same to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury.

Referring to the Vouchers enclosed in the envelope bearing my address, I have to inform you, that I have enclosed a copy of my letter of March 9th. 1875, appointing Prof. R. E. Rogers to take charge of the equipment of a Refinery at your Mint, and instructing him to proceed to San Francisco for that purpose, with his bills for expenses incurred in connection with the same.

I have also approved the bill of Mr. A. B. Lindenman for traveling expenses from San Francisco to Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 22d. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received this day your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of March, 1876; also, your A/c of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin for the same period.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

April 12th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of a communication from the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, explaining certain disallowances in his Ordinary Expense a/cs for the months of October, November, and December 1875, in connection with the Lunch Room at that Mint. I also enclose corrected Vouchers #186 and #277, and Abstracts of Disbursements and a/cs current, for the months mentioned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

April 22d 1876.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit Petty Bill #66 properly receipted, belonging to the Ordinary Expenses a/c of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col. for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

April 22. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday in reference to the state of your silver bullion fund, it has been decided to transfer 150.000. ounces of fine silver bars from your bullion fund to that of the Philadelphia Mint.

You will please furnish this Office with a statement of the amount that you may have on hand ready for shipment in order that the necessary transfer may be asked for, and as soon as the remainder is ready you will furnish a similar statement.

You will compute the value at an average rate corresponding with that at which the bullion was purchased.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

April 22. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with your request I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $26,384.32 (payable in 22,942.90 ozs. fine silver) to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Should silver decline to 1.15 or under, you will complete the order of March 2. 1876,

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for 100.000. ounces.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. B. H. Bristow, April 22. 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the U. S. Mint Philadelphia of twenty six thousand three hundred and eighty four 32/100 dollars ($26,384.32) payable in 22.942.90 oz. fine silver bullion.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wm. A. Potter, Esq. April 22. 1876.
Supervising Architect
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a package of Vouchers pertaining to the Construction of a Refinery at the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, which were returned as defective and requiring correction.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq. April 22d. 1876.
Assayer in Charge,
Denver Mint.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 17th. inst, returning corrected petty bill No. 66 of your Ordinary Expense A/c, for the month of March, 1876.

Your Ordinary Expense A/c has been referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 22d. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Official oath of Miss Annette La Grange, Record Clerk, in the General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Saml J. Randall April 24th. 1876.
Chairman Committee on Appropriations.
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In compliance with your verbal request of Saturday last, I submit some data herewith in relation to the expense of conducting coinage at San Francisco.

I have taken the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1863, as a fair basis of comparison

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with the year ending June 30th. 1875.

The Statement herewith marked "B" shows the expenses of the Mint at San Francisco for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1863, to have been $297.070.23.

The Coinage of that year was: gold pieces 895.923., value $17.510.960.; Silver pieces 1.976.250., value $815.875., making a total in pieces of 2.872.173. and value of $18.326.835.

The expenses of the San Francisco Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1875, were $387,249.69; and the coinage was: gold pieces 1.330.000., value $26.200.000. Silver pieces 8.274.000, value $4.327.000. – making total pieces 9.604.000, total value $30.527.000.

The above figures show an increase of about 30% in the expenses of 1875, over 1863, and an increase in the number of gold pieces coined of over 47%, and in value of over 49%, and an increase in the number of silver pieces coined of over 370%, and in value of over 430%.

The appropriations made prior to 1869, for the support of the Mints, do not afford a proper idea of the expenses for the reason that all charges, and seigniorages, except the coinage charge, were available for the expenses of the Mints, and there was no law which prohibited the creating of obligations in one year payable out of the available means of another. Since the establishment of this Bureau, the expenses of the several Mints and Assay Offices, as well as the amount received by them on account of charges &c,

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appear under appropriate heads in the Annual Report of the Director.

From the closest official scrutiny, frequent examinations, and inspection of vouchers covering every item of expense, I am able to state with confidence that the Mints are now economically conducted.

In the matter of the rate of compensation at the Western Mints, which the Committee think too high, a recent examination made by an expert of this Office, shows the same to be rather below than above that paid by private establishments in the same localities, the law has therefore been complied with.

The rate of compensation at the Western Mints, as well as the cost of all supplies is above that of Philadelphia. Coinage can therefore be executed at Philadelphia at something less than at San Francisco, and for this reason it has been decided to run the Philadelphia Mint, during the coming fiscal year on Subsidiary Silver Coin to its utmost capacity, and as far as practicable work the skilled employés overtime. To do this will require an appropriation for Wages of Workmen of $350.000., and for incidental expenses $125.000. Your attention is invited to a communication from the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint as to the necessity of increased appropriations herein transmitted.

In reducing the estimates originally prepared and submitted, it is apparent the Committee had not before them the details of the largely increased

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business of the Mints, and which shows that increased expenditures were unavoidable.

In order that the Committee may have full information on the subject before them, I have caused to be prepared a comparative statement of operations and expenses for the three years ending June 30th 1870, 1871, & 1872, and for the three succeeding fiscal years, ending June 30th 1873, 1874 and 1875, to which your careful attention is invited, the results of which may be summarized as follows:

There was in the second period an increase of 32% in expenses, over that of the first, and an increase of 71% in the amount of gold operated upon, and 177% in silver, 127% in the number of gold pieces struck, 168% increase on silver pieces struck, and over 56% increase in the minor coinage.

The increase in expenses has been quite moderate compared with the large increase in the amount of work performed.

I should add that very little refining and parting has been done at the Philadelphia Mint, for several years past, and that it is not probable that the amount to be refined and parted at that Mint in the future will exceed that of the last few years.

It should also be stated that the moneys which may arise from refining and parting after the close of the present fiscal year can only be applied to the

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legitimate expenses attending those operations and the keeping of the Refinery in good condition. The law requires that these expenses shall be fixed so as to equal but not to exceed the average cost of the operations.

As the law requires silver coin to be substituted for fractional currency as rapidly as practicable, it will be absolutely necessary to run all the Mints to their full capacity during the next fiscal year, and I earnestly hope that the necessary appropriations will be made.

I estimate that we shall have to strike at least 140.000.000. pieces of Subsidiary Silver Coin during the coming fiscal year, to say nothing of the gold and minor coinage, of which there is no doubt we will be called upon to strike an increased amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Expenditures of the U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, Cal. for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1863.

Month 1862.	Inc. & Contgt Expenses.	Wages of Workmen and Adjusters.	Salaries of Officers and Clerks.	Total Expenses for each Quarter.
July.	$15.838.30	$11.567.35	$2.541.66 2/3	1st Quarter of
August.	2.146.25	11.168.90	2.541.66 2/3	Fiscal Year
September.	384.70	11.251.70	2.541.66 2/3	$59.982.20
October.	$24.864.91	$12.027.49	$2.541.66 2/3	2d Quarter of
November.	1.436.90	11.557.39	2.541.66 2/3	Fiscal Year
December 1863	19.521.36	12.51465	2.541.66 2/3	$89.547.70
January	$6.394.74	$12.094.35	$2.333.33 1/3	3d Quarter of
February	1.549.47	10.962.30	2.333.33 1/3	Fiscal Year
March	45.05	11.089.64	2.333.33 1/3	$49.135.55

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April	$29.336.96	$11.220.21	$2.750	4th Quarter of Fiscal Year.
May	12.449.89	12.086.13	2.750	
June	12.467.67	12.593.92	2.750.	$98.404.78
Totals	$126.436.20	$140.134.03	$30.500.	Total expenses for Fiscal Year $297.070.23

Comparison of Expenditures at the Coinage Mints, and Assay Office, New York, for three years preceding and succeeding the Coinage Act of 1873.

Mint	1st Period.	2d Period.	
Philadelphia	$1060.113.10	$1.132.025.08	nearly 7% increase
San Francisco	" 890.176.82	1.043.726.72	over 17% "
Carson	" 261.495.66	" 578.941.46	about 120% "
Assay Office, N.Y.	" 400.571.30	" 468.911.31	" 17%
Total	$2.599.343.00	$3.423.041.31	about 32% increase.

Comparison of operations at the Coinage Mints and Assay Office, New York, for three years preceding and succeeding the Coinage Act of 1873.

Value of Gold Coinage Executed.

Mint	1st Period	2d Period	
Philadelphia	$8.090.657.50	$49.295.137.50	over 500% increase.
San Francisco	54.971.050.00	65.469.500.00	" 19% "
Carson	874.575.00	4.481.355.00	" 412% "
Assay Office N.Y.	# 19.495.887.55	# 33.422.378.29	" 71% "
Total Gold	83.432.170.88	142.668.370.79	nearly 71% "

Value of Silver Coinage executed.

Philadelphia	$4.289.543.25	$9.235.885.50	over 115% increase.
San Francisco	2.296.775.00	6.972.000.00	" 203% "
Carson	167.674.50	2.791.879.30	" 1566% "
Assay Office, N.Y.	* 4.244.842.55	* 11.550.647.92	" 172% "
Total Silver	10.998.835.30	30.550.413.72	over 177% "

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Value of Gold Bullion received and operated upon.

	1st Period.	2d Period.	
Philadelphia	$8.263.576.31	$49.197.014.24	nearly 500% increase
San Francisco	55.759.055.72	66.060.754.76	over 18% "
Carson	5.499.537.59	9.757.636.24	" 77% "
Assay Office, N.Y.	20.305.575.71	43.900.452.40	" 115% "
Total Gold	89.827.745.53	$168.915.857.64	over 88% increase

Value of Silver Bullion received and operated upon.

	1st Period.	2d Period.	
Philadelphia	$4.911.104.45	$9.986.121.12	over 103% increase
San Francisco	2.471.818.43	8.193.311.07	" 231% "
Carson	5.511.810.15	10.149.348.21	" 84% "
New York	6.653.471.73	17.286.360.39	" 159% "
Total Silver	$19.548.204.76	$45.615.140.79	over 133% "

Comparison of the number of pieces coined at the Coinage Mints for three years preceding and succeeding the Coinage Act of 1873.

Gold.

	1st Period.	2d Period.	
Philadelphia	442.180	3.082.748	over 597% increase
San Francisco	2.453.380	3.392.600	" 38% "
Carson	76.994	274.243	" 255% "
Total Gold	2.972.554	6.749.591	over 127% increase

Silver.

Philadelphia	11.557.182.	30.823.500	over 166% increase.
San Francisco	5.981.900.	12.944.700	" 116% "
Carson.	361.115	4.102.646	" 1036% "
	17.860.197.	47.870.846	over 168% increase.

Minor Coins.

Philadelphia.	33.462.250.	52.222.000.	over 56% increase.

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The value of the Gold and Silver Coinage executed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1875, was;

Gold	Silver.	Total.
$33.553.965.	$10.070.368.	$43.624.333.

The value of the Gold and Silver Coinage executed during the nine months ended March 31st. 1876, was:

Gold.	Silver.	Total.
$30.104.715.	$13339.162.50	$43.443.877.50

On the basis of nine months' operations the coinage for the present fiscal year will approximate as follows:

Gold	$40.139.620.	over 19% increase over 1875.
Silver	17.785.550.	" 66% " " "
	57.925.170.	over 33% increase over 1875.

Hon. B. H. Bristow — April 24th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco to the Treasurer of the United States, in the following proportions as to denominations, viz:

Twenty cent pieces	$20.000.
Dimes	80.000.

the charges for transportation to be paid by the Supt. of the Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 24th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, transmitting a communication from the Coiner of your Mint, explaining the condition of the Coining Dept., at the time of the resignation of Mr. Babcock.

All this is no doubt true, but I cannot understand why Mr. Lycott who was at the time Act. Coiner, and Mr. Bower, Foreman of the Press Room, did not report the facts to the Superintendent, as they unquestionably should have done.

The truth is, that nearly all the dimes received here are imperfectly finished, especially on the reverse. My attention was first called to the matter, by the U. S. Treasurer, and on examination of the coins, I asked that they might be sent to Philad.a to be examined, and the defective pieces remelted, but the Treasurer declined to do this.

I have requested him to send you 100 pieces, that you may see for yourself their defective execution. I have not been able to find in the lot, so far as I examined it, a single piece equal in finish to the one, I herewith enclose of Carson Coinage.

These small coins are not creditable to the Government, and I cannot see how it was that the most ordinary precaution failed to stop their delivery. It certainly should have been observed when the Superintendent or his representatives made the trial weighings

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of single pieces, at the time of delivery

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

April 24th 1876.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

On the 30th of January last I addressed you a communication relative to the Bond of Mr. F. W. Gross, Chief Clerk of your Mint, informing you that the amount of the one offered was not considered sufficient, and instructing Mr. Gross to prepare a Bond in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars.

Nearly three months have passed and no reply has been received nor has the Bond reached this office.

As the position of Chief Clerk is one of responsibility and especially as the law requires him to act as Supt. during the absence of that Officer, it is very necessary that this matter should be attended to at once, and you will please instruct Mr. Gross to execute and forward his Bond without further delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States, in the following proportions as to denominations, viz:

Twenty cent pieces	$20.000.
Dimes	80.000.

the charges for transportation to be paid by you from Silver profit fund.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

For the reasons stated in my communication of the 20th inst, the increase in the compensation of Mr. D. L. Noggle, Receiving Clerk in the General Dept. of your Mint, from $6.75 to $7.50 per diem, submitted in your letter of the 14th inst., is not approved.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 24th. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., for adjustment, your Ordinary Expenses account for the month of March, 1876.

Referring to the Pay Rolls of Officers and Clerks for February & March I find that Mr. Burke LaGrange has received pay as memorandum Clerk, at the rate of $1800.00 per annum since February 17th. 1876, although we have received no oath of office showing that he has entered upon the discharge of the duties of the position.

If he has subscribed to an Official oath, you will please forward it at once, as his salary can be allowed only from the date thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 24th. 1876.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th. inst. transmitting Monthly Statements for March, 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses &c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Peter R. Bereiu, Operative in the Melter and Refiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 24th 1876.
San Francisco.

Substitution of Silver for fractional currency proceeding actively and satisfactorily in every direction. Will make draft on your Dimes tomorrow, be sure and have Three Hundred Thousand assorted and ready by time transfer draft reaches you.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 24th 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of the Report on the examination of your Mint, by Mr. Fred. Eckfeldt of this Office.

I will thank you in connection with the operative officers to carefully examine this Report, and give me your views as to the practicability and expediency of adopting the suggestions therein made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

April 24th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to my telegram of the 17th inst, I desire that on every Saturday at close of business, you will telegraph me the amount and denomination of Subsidiary Silver Coin on hand, in order that I may be able to advise the Treasurer of the United States of the amount subject to draft.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. April 24th, 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir;

I have received your Ordinary Expense A/c for the month of March 1876, also, your A/c of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin for the same period.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 24th, 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

State amount and denominations of Subsidiary silver coin on hand, subject to transfer.

H. R. Linderman
Director

Telegram. J. V. L. Schirmer April 24th, 1876.
Assayer Mint, Denver, Colorado.
"Yes."

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Hon. Jas. Pollock April 24th, 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadª.

Sir;

Your letter of the 21st inst, transmitting Monthly Statements for March 1876, is received

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

April 24th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d. inst. transmitting certificate of deposit for $176.80 coin on account of J. T. L. Schirmer, Assayer in charge Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col., is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

April 24th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of the Report, on the examination of your Mint by Mr. Fred. Eckfeldt, of this Office.

I will thank you in connection with the operative officers, to carefully examine this Report, and give me your views, as to the practicability and expediency of adopting the suggestions therein made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter, dated April 25, 1876, addressed to J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 25th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a counterfeit Half Eagle, received through the Department of State from the Consul General at Paris.

This piece is one from a Shipment of $6.600. received at Paris from San Salvador, which proved to be all counterfeit.

I will thank you to have the same examined by your Assayer, the fineness and amount of Gold ascertained, the character of the filling, and any other information which he may be able to furnish.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 25th 1876.

Sir:

Enclosed you will please find a letter from Geo. B. McCartee Esq., requesting certain information respecting proof coins.

I will thank you to state, through this Office, how far you can comply with his request.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 25th, 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th inst., transmitting Statement of weight, fineness and value of 300.913.61 ozs. Silver bullion, received from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 25th, 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please inform me whether the Bank of California has completed delivery at your Mint of 200.000. ounces fine silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. — April 25th, 1876.
Supt. Assay Office. New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether the New York Assay Office has received any bars from Helena, Montana, stamped with the name of Chas. Bromley, Assayer, and if so, how the stamped finenesses agree with those of your Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 25th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your account of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin for the month of March, 1876, I have to call your attention to the following items viz:

Voucher #570, bill of J. T. Babcock for 12 days services @ $8.00 per diem does not meet with my approval, and cannot be allowed in the settlement of your account.

The employment of any person in the Mint either for temporary or permanent service, without the approval of the Director of the Mint, is contrary to law.

I return herewith for receipt bills of Whittier, Fuller, & Co. Vouchers #600. and #620.

I have this day referred your account to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., for adjustment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, in Subsidiary Silver coin (Dimes) to be transferred from your bullion fund to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid by you from Silver Profit Fund.

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You were advised by telegraph yesterday that this transfer would be made and I trust that by the time the transfer order is presented that you will have that amount in Dimes assorted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

April 25th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of March, 1876.

Your attention is respectfully directed to Voucher #570, bill of J. T. Babcock for 12 days services @ $8.00 per diem. The employment of this person for the special service enumerated in the bill was not submitted for my approval as required by law, and I have to request that the same be disallowed in the settlement of the Account.

Bills of Whittier, Fuller & Co. Vouchers #600 and #620, were not receipted and have been returned for that purpose.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon, April 25th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Assayers' Reports of Purchases of Silver Bullion #89 - #95 inclusive, belonging to the Bullion Accounts of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the Fourth Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon April 25th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

Referring to Voucher #158, bill of Jno. Gillig receipted by N. M. Bell, of the Ordinary Expense Account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson, for the month of January 1876, I enclose herewith Power of Attorney granted by Jno. Gillig to N. M. Bell.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 25th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have this day received and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., Assayers' Reports upon Silver Purchases #89 - #95 inclusive, forwarded on the 15th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

April 25th 1876.

Sir:

I have referred to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury, Power of Attorney of N. M. Bell, forwarded on the 17th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

April 26th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst, enclosing Statement of Count and Examination of Coin in Cashier's vault April 15th 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 25th 1876.

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000.) in Subsidiary Silver Coin (Dimes) to be transferred from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation on the same to be paid by the Supt. of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 26th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to my letters of this date disapproving the appointment of Edward A. Abell, as a clerk, and E. F. Boyle as a Workman in the General Dept. of your Mint, I have to inform you that in order to prevent any embarrassment in the settlement of your accounts compensation at the rates stated in your letters submitting the appointments will be allowed these persons from the date of appointment to the receipt of this letter.

Hereafter in making appointments and changes of any kind in your Mint you will please submit as far as may be practicable the same sufficiently in advance of the time when such appointments or changes are to take effect, as to allow the necessary approval to be obtained.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 26th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

For the reasons heretofore stated the appointment of Edward F. Boyle as Workman in the General Dept. of your Mint, submitted in your communication of the 17th inst, is not approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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O. H. Lafrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 26th 1876.

Sir:

For the reasons given in my communication of the 18th inst, and for the additional reason that the clerical force in the General Dept. of your Mint is already very large, consisting of twelve clerks besides the Chief Clerk, the appointment of Edward A. Abell, as a Clerk in the General Dept. of your Mint, submitted in your communication of the 18th inst, is not approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafrange, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 26th 1876.

Sir:

I have received and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. a Resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the "Pacific Refinery and Bullion Exchange" rescinding the authority granted to John Hewston, Jr., to sign for said corporation, and empowering John G. Kellogg to sign the name of the company.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 26th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

You will please forward to this Office an estimate of the Crucibles, covers, Stirrers and Dipping Cups, that will be required at your Mint during the coming fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Jas. Crawford Esq. April 26th 1876.
Supt. Mint, Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. transmitting Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the Quarters ending respectively Sept. 30th and Dec. 31st 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 26th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. transmitting Statement of Earnings and Expenditures of the Refinery for the month of March 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City.

April 26th 1876.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Account of the manufacture of subsidiary silver coin for the month of March 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Action, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

April 26th 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to say, that the accounts cannot be closed until the 30th of June. What I should have said was that everything should be closed up in the Refinery in order that the count of funds and bullion on hand might be commenced on the 29th of June.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia.

April 26th 1876.

Gentlemen:

Please advise me when the Steel Rolls, ordered Feb. 7th 1876, for the Carson Mint, will be shipped.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahm, April 26th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a certified copy of a Resolution passed by the Directors of the "Pacific Refinery and Bullion Exchange" rescinding the authority heretofore granted John Hewston, Jr. to sign for said corporation, and empowering John G. Kellogg to sign the name of the company.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahm April 26th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the ⅌ of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock April 26th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 17th inst, in relation to Assay of ore, I will thank you to let me know how soon you will be able to transmit a Report of the result of Assay, to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 26th 1876.

Sir:

I enclose a translation of a communication from A. Sainctelette, Mint Commissioner Brussels Belgium, respecting our assays of Belgian coin.

I will thank you to procure from New York a new 20 franc gold Belgian coin, and also a 5 franc piece, weigh and assay them, and report the result to this Office.

If there are any inaccuracies in our table, please point them out. Return the enclosure with your reply.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Boise City.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst, transmitting a certificate of examination of weights at your Office, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. Samuel J. Randall, H. R.

April 27th 1876.

I think it will be well to appropriate the items as given the Coinage Committee. The total being fourteen thousand dollars.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

The appointment of Mr. P. H. Andrews as Workman in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint at a compensation of $5.75 per diem, submitted in your communication of the 19th inst. is not approved.

Compensation at the above rate will be allowed this person for services rendered prior to the receipt of this letter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

The appointment of Mr. Clement C. Ward, as Workman in the General Dept. of your Mint at a compensation of $5.50 per diem, submitted in your communication of the 19th inst. is not approved.

In order to prevent any embarrassment in the settlement of your Accounts, compensation at the amount submitted will be allowed this person from the date of appointment to the receipt of this letter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

April 27th 1876.

Substitute ten thousand dollars in twenty cent pieces for that amount in quarters on transfer order to Washington.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaFrancy, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:

"Substitute ten thousand dollars in twenty cent pieces for that amount in quarters on transfer order to Washington."

Referring to my letter of the 24th inst, informing you of the request for the transfer of $100.000. to be composed of $20.000. in twenty cent pieces and $80.000. in dimes, and which I am advised has been directed to be shipped to Chicago, you can when filling the same, substitute $10.000. in quarters for $10,000. in twenty cent pieces to be sent to Washington as directed in my telegram of this date.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300.000) in Subsidiary Silver Coin, to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint, to the Treasurer of the United States, in the following proportion as to denominations, viz:

Half Dollars	$100.000.
Dimes	200.000.

the charges for transportation to be paid by you from "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

You will please forward to this Office by June 1st an estimate of the Copper Canisters that will be required at your Mint for the first six months of the coming fiscal year, viz: from July 1st to Decr 31st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of E. W. Staley, Machinist in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

I hand you herewith supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, for the fiscal year ended June, 30th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of March, 1876.

I have to repeat the request which I have made on previous occasions that you will enumerate on your "a/c current" the amounts belonging to each appropriation composing your "Balance on Hand" at the close of each month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office by June 1st an estimate of the Copper Canisters that will be required at your Mint for the first six months of the coming fiscal year, viz: from July 1st to December 31st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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April 27th. 1876.

Assays of ores for gold and silver may be made by the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States.

The charge for each sample assayed, is hereby fixed at Three Dollars, and the moneys accruing from such charges shall be paid semi-annually into the Treasury of the United States.

A record of all assays made shall be kept, and an abstract thereof furnished quarterly to the Office of the Director of the Mint.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Geo. B. McCartee Esq.
902 Fourteenth St.

April 27th. 1876.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 24th. inst, in reference to procuring proof sets, was referred to the Mint at Philadelphia.

I enclose you a copy of a communication received from the Acting Supt. and also a business card of Mr. Haseltine.

I regret I am unable to comply more fully with your request.

Very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

The counting boards and apparatus for the Treasurer U. S. for counting quarters, dimes, and five cent nickel pieces has been received by him. I have now to request that you will forward a board for counting the one cent bronze pieces.

If the boards and apparatus were manufactured in the Mint I do not think it necessary to have you forward any bill for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 27th 1876.

Sir:

On the 21st inst., I enclosed you $2.50 in currency, with the request that you would forward by express a bronze copy of the Robinson-Seward Medal to S. G. Pike, Calais, Me., no acknowledgement of the receipt of the same by you has been received at this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

April 27th. 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of three hundred thousand dollars in Subsidiary Silver coin, to be transferred from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco to the Treasurer of the United States in the following proportions as to denominations, viz:

Half Dollars	$100.000.
Dimes	$200.000.

the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

April 27th. 1876.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir:

I have received your Supplemental Account of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1875, and referred the same to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow April 28th. 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

On the 22nd. inst, you referred to this Office, a letter from the Secretary of State covering a communication from the Consul General at Paris, in relation to counterfeit Half Eagles, three pieces of which were also enclosed.

One of the coins was forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia for examination and assay, and I herewith transmit a copy of the Report thereon furnished.

Two of the pieces are herewith returned the other is retained for future comparison.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint April 28th. 1876.
San Francisco.

Are you now making well finished silver coins.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint April 28th. 1876.
San Francisco.

Staley's appointment was approved yesterday. Let the utmost care be taken to insure proper finish of coins.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 28th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a Quarter Dollar brought to this Office as being counterfeit.

It has every appearance of a genuine coin, split during process of manufacture.

I will thank you to have it assayed to ascertain if it is of standard silver, and if so please return a sound piece in place of it.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — April 28th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th inst. transmitting Report on examination of counterfeit Half Eagle, and also enclosing a portion of the coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. M. V. Davis, — April 28th 1876.

Mint Carson, Nevada.

You better confine your examination to the present condition of things & see that they are working properly. Do nothing that will tend to revive the discussion about the Trade Dollars.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Telegram. Hon. R. P. Bland. April 28th 1876.

Chairman House Committee,
of Mines and Mining.

At the present value of silver about Four Hundred and Fifty grains standard.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. P. Bland April 28th 1876.

Chairman House Committee
of Mines and Mining.

Sir

A telegram sent you today in the following words is hereby made official:

"At the present value of Silver, about Four Hundred and Fifty grains standard."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon April 28th 1876.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of Power of Attorney granted by the Virginia and Truckee R. R. Co. to certain persons named therein and revoking all Powers of Attorney granted prior to April 20, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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W. M. Runkel, Esq. April 28th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter requesting information respecting the value of the coins of the world.

I send you by today's mail a copy of the Annual Report, on pp 43 and 44 of which you will find tables of value &c.

The silver valuation is based on the Trade Dollar, it would be difficult to make any other owing to fluctuations in the price of Silver. The values are ascertained by actual assay, while those in the enclosed circular are declared by law.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. April 28th. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City.

Sir:

I have received and referred to the First Auditor of the Treasury copy of a communication from the Superintendent of the Virginia and Truckee R. R. Co. revoking all previous Powers of Attorney, and new Power of Attorney to certain persons named therein.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. Sainctelette, Esq. April 29th 1876.
Brussels, Belgium.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst, in reference to the value accredited in the Report of the Director of the Mint, to the 5 franc piece of Belgium.

I have instructed the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, to make such examination of the matter as appears to be necessary, and transmit herewith a copy of his letter in reply.

As soon as the assays are completed, I will advise you of the result.

I should be pleased to hear from you in relation to the last paragraph of the Superintendent's letter, — "how you find the coins of this country, as to fineness?"

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent April 29th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

What coinage of Half and Quarter dollars may we depend on for all of May.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent
Mint, Carson
Nevada.

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Assayer in Charge
Mint, Denver Colorado.

April 29th 1876.

Calculate Silver at rate of one hundred and seven cents per standard ounce that being New York rate. Future changes in rate will be communicated by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schimmer Esq.
Assayer in Chg Mint
Denver.

April 29th 1876.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day, in the following words, is hereby made official:

"Calculate Silver at rate of one hundred and seven cents per standard ounce, that being New York rate. Future changes in rate will be communicated by telegraph."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson, Nev.

April 29th 1876.

Sir:

A box containing the several articles, blanks, blank books &c, called for in your requisition in February last, was shipped to you, a few days since.

I will thank you to acknowledge its receipt. These articles will not be charged to your appropriations. You will also please note any changes that may be necessary in forwarding other like requisitions.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint April 29th 1876.
San Francisco.

Your despatch states the services of Abel necessary. Nomination approved.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, April 30th 1876.
San Francisco.

Report by telegraph the amount of silver bullion on hand for subsidiary coinage and the additional amount that will be required for the balance of the fiscal year.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint April 30th 1876.
San Francisco.

Make subsidiary silver coin for the balance of the fiscal year to your full capacity, proportioning as to denominations according to the adaptation of your machinery.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

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Wm. A. Potter, Esq.

May 1st 1876.

Supervising Architect
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

At the request of the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, I transmit herewith a copy of a letter dated Apr. 7th 1875, signed by me and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, which will explain the question raised by the Dept. as to the authority of Prof. Rogers to sign as "Superintendent of Construction" of the Refinery in connection with the above mentioned Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 1st 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult, transmitting approximate Statement of business for the month of April, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 1st 1876.

Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult, enclosing account current of the Bullion Fund of your Office, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint

Philadelphia.

May 1st 1876.

Sir:

In view of the probable enactment of a law during the present session of Congress, authorizing the coinage of a silver dollar, I deem it best to have prepared, without delay, dies for the same.

I will thank you to request the Engraver to prepare drawings for the same, and which shall show the following:

Obverse. Head of Liberty surrounded by the legend "United States of America" with the date of 1876 beneath.

Reverse. An olive wreath or branches of olive surrounding the inscription "One Dollar".

If around the outer edge on the obverse or reverse there can be placed the number of stars corresponding with the number of states in this Centennial Year, it might be well to have the design show that arrangement.

I should have no objection to the inscription "First Centennial of American Independence" being struck on the reverse, provided that it could be so arranged that its omission after 1876 would not disturb the general harmony and artistic appearance of the designs &c.

Please submit the designs to me with such suggestions as you may think proper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt.

May 1st. 1876.

Sir:

Instructions heretofore sent you directing proportions of denominations of subsidiary silver coin to be manufactured are hereby rescinded and you will for the balance of the fiscal year make ½ & ¼ dollars and dimes in such proportions as may be best suited for the economical working of the Mint and to keep all the apparatus and machinery fully employed.

While this pressure on the Mint continues, and there is over work, you are instructed to require such attendance after three o'clock P.M. of officers, clerks &c, as may be necessary to insure proper oversight of the operations and the safe custody of the bullion & coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint, Philadª.

May 1st. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of a letter received by the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Office.

I will thank you to give the subject proper investigation and report the facts in the case to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 1st. 1876.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

After the return of Mr. Drewner from your City, he manufactured and forwarded to you a new adjusting balance after a plan got up in your Mint. If you have tested the same on a working scale, please advise me what the result has been.

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 1st. 1876.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

In view of the comparatively large number of clerks and employés performing clerical duties in your Mint, and for the purpose of making a proper reduction of the same, it will be necessary for you to require them to perform service until four o'clock P. M. This is the regulation of the Department, and I can see no reason why it should not be extended to the Mints. Moreover, as the press of business will require the full eight hours work on the part of the workmen, it will be necessary for the full official organization to attend during those hours, or say from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 1st 1876.

Sir:

I have received and referred to the Supervising Architect as requested, copy of my letter of April 7th 1875, authorizing Prof. Rogers to superintend the equipment of the Refinery at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 1st 1876.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Edward A. Abell, Clerk in the General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

May 1st 1876.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Thomas J. Cleary, Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

May 1st 1876.

Telegraph coinage of April.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Henry Drummey Esq.
Philadelphia.

May 1st 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a requisition made upon this Office by the Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco for a scale, of four foot beam, with a full set of weights for the same, which you will please manufacture and ship as early as practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia.

May 1st 1876

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will forward to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, as early as practicable, 96 tile for Annealing Furnaces of the sizes given in the accompanying diagram, and forward your bill in duplicate with Bill Lading to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

May 1st 1876.

Report by telegraph balance of Subsidiary silver coin on hand by denominations at close of business twenty ninth ultimo.

Have you filled all transfer orders.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 2nd 1876.

What coinage of trade dollars does your estimate for May contemplate. We expect a larger amount of subsidiary coinage.

H. R. Linderman
Director

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 2nd 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz:

"What coinage of trade dollars does your estimate for May contemplate. We expect a larger amount of subsidiary coinage."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

May 2nd 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 1st inst, in which it is stated that you have about two hundred thousand ounces of silver bullion on hand, and that you will require three hundred thousand ounces additional for the balance of the fiscal year, I will thank you to inform this office when more Doré bullion will be required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 5. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Wm. McIntire, Weigher in the Assay Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — May 2. 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction Statement of Minor Coins redeemed and re-issued during the month of April, in which the number of five cent nickel pieces reissued is stated as 64.200. value at $32.100.00, instead of $3.210.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq. — May 2. 1876.
Assayer in Chg. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

I have received your regular Statements for the month of March, 1876, which you had enclosed and transmitted with your Bullion Accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. Wolters, Esq. May 2d. 1876.

Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d. inst, transmitting Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the Quarter ending March 31st. 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

E. T. Anderson, Esq. May 2d. 1876.

Rooms 39 and 40 St. Cloud Bldg.

Sir:

The quarter dollar left by you at this Office for examination, has been assayed and ascertained to be standard silver. It was however split in manufacturing, which prevented it from ringing.

A sound piece is herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. John Sherman, May 2d. 1876.
U. S. S.

One hundred and five cents per standard ounce. The currency value of one dollar in subsidiary coins is eighty four cents and four mills. Gold value of greenbacks dollar eighty-eight and a half cents.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jabez Knight, May 2d. 1876.
Alderbrook, Ind. Co. Ark.

Sir:

Your letter of — date, together with a package of ore is received.

The sample consists principally of fossil shells and a little sulphuret of iron, and does not appear very promising.

The Mint charge for assaying ores is three Dollars, if you desire an assay made of this sample you will please transmit that ammnt to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Superintendent Document Room. May 3d. 1876.
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Will you please send me a copy of H. R. Bill #3336, also a copy of H. R. Bill 3352.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. May 3d. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of this Office under date of the 22d. ult, I will thank you to inform me where you will be ready to transfer 150.000. ounces (or any part thereof) of fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — May 3. 1876.

Supt. Mint, Philad.a Pa.

Sir:

I am informed that some 3 cent pieces of pure nickel have recently been struck at the Mint. Please inform me under what section of Law or Regulations these pieces were struck.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — May 3. 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of April 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin Campbell, Esq. — May 3. 1876.

104 Wall St.
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2. inst. making inquiry whether Argentifer Galena Ores, imported from Canada into the United States, would be subject to import duties, has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for reply.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Fred. De Rosher, Esq. May 3d 1876.

1104 Spring Garden St.
Philad.a

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th ult. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to the Mint price of the twenty cent piece was referred to this office.

I enclose for your information a circular and price list of proof coins and medals sold by the Mint at Phil.

You will see that twenty-five cents in silver or thirty cents in currency is the pro rata price for a proof twenty cent piece.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Sainctelette, Esq. May 3d 1876.

Brussels, Belgium.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a letter from the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, furnishing the weight and fineness of the 20 f. gold, and 5 f. silver coins of Belgium.

The pieces assayed were nearly new while those upon which the table was based were of older date.

The value in United States coin, at the ascertained weight and fineness of the 20 f. piece is 3 dolls. 86 cts., and of the 5 f. piece 91 cts. 7 mills.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Joseph Wharton, Esq. May 3d. 1876.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of yesterday has been received. You state that the Coiner of the Philadelphia Mint, has struck for you a few 3 cent pieces in pure nickel, but which he feels unauthorized to have leave the Mint without being first defaced, and you ask whether these pieces may be permitted to go to the Centennial Exhibition with your other articles to illustrate the possibility of working pure Nickel.

There having been no authority for the striking of these pieces, I have deemed it necessary and proper to request an explanation from the Mint, before acting upon your application.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

P. D. P. Rickotts, Esq. May 3d. 1876.

School of Mines &c.
Cor. 49th St & 4th Ave. N. Y.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst, and in reply take pleasure in mailing to your address this day, a copy of my Report for the year 1873, also duplicate copies of my last annual Report. I regret my inability to send one of my Reports for 1874, the supply having become exhausted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 4th 1876.

Sir:

The tile for annealing furnaces for which requisition was made in your letter of the 21st ult, have been ordered to be manufactured and shipped without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 4th 1876.

Sir:

I have received corrected Assayer's Reports #63, #118 and #160, also certificate of Silver Deposit #87, Gold Bullion Receipt #1589, and Gold Bullion Warrant #1237, belonging to your Bullion Accounts for the Third Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

May 4th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th ult, transmitting statements for the month of March, 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

May 4th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (100.000) in subsidiary Silver coin, (quarter dollars) - to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid by you from Silver profit fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Crawford,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

May 4th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th ult, making requisition for 150 Medium Dippers, 150 Small Dippers, and 50 Pots No. 90, with covers, is received, and will receive prompt attention.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

May 4th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst, transmitting corrected statement of Minor coins, redeemed and reissued during the month of April, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 4th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the current month has been approved for the sum of $13.500.- from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$3.000.-
Wages of Workmen	"	6.500.-
Contingent Expenses	"	4.000.-

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 4th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The following balances of the appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year remain in the Treasury of the United States after deducting the amount of your Requisition approved this day, viz:

Salaries	1876	$2.650.-
Wages of Workmen	"	12,000.
Contingent Expenses	"	4,357.15

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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S. S. Christy, Esq.

Troyburg, Ohio.

May 4th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th. inst. in relation to the price of the Medals for the Veteran Soldiers of the Mexican War, is received.

I have to state that the medals were made at the Mint for the Association, and I suppose the price of $2. was fixed by the Association simply to cover the cost of manufacture. You can no doubt receive any further information you desire by applying to the Officers.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman.

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

May 11th. 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin (quarter dollars) to be transferred from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Richard C. Remmey, Esq. May 4th. 1876.
2363, Frankford Ave.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please furnish this Office with your price lists for Crucibles, Covers, Dippers and Stirrers, of your own manufacture.

I will thank you to inform this Office, whether you have succeeded in making large porcelain pots, suitable for refining gold and silver by the nitric acid process.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. May 5th. 1876.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th. ult, transmitting Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for Quarter ending Sept. 30th. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. May 5th. 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th. ult, transmitting Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for Quarter ending March 31st. 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaFrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

May 5th. 1876.

Sir:

The following balances of the appropriations made for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year remain in the Treasury of the United States, after deducting the amounts called for in your Requisition approved this day, viz:

Salaries	1876	$2.225.–
Wages of Workmen	"	16. 120.–
Contingent Expenses	"	1. 729. 76

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaFrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 5th. 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month, has been approved for the sum of $26.600.– from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$2100.–
Wages of Workmen	"	22.500.–
Contingent Expenses	"	2.000.–

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, May 5th. 1876.
San Francisco.

The charge for stamping fine Silver bars at your Mint has been fixed at one fourth of one per cent on the value.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. May 5th. 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words, is hereby made official:
"The charge for stamping fine silver bars at your Mint has been fixed at one fourth of one per cent on the value."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. May 5th. 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th. ult, enclosing Balance Sheet of your Mint, March 31st. 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

May 5th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday in explanation of the recent striking of a few three cent pieces in pure nickel, as tests of nickel in that state for coinage purposes.

Mr. Wharton, for whom they were struck, could not have been expected to understand Mint regulations in respect to such matters.

The Coiner, if he had thought for a moment, would have known that the striking of these pieces in the manner in which it was done, was in conflict with the regulations.

It is quite proper that a test of this kind should be made at the Mint, but it should be done under proper authority.

You will please procure from the Coiner, all the pieces referred to and deliver them to Mr. Wharton, with the understanding that at the close of the Exhibition, he will return them to the Mint to be placed in the Cabinet, and permanently retained there.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 5th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco, making requisition for quarter dollar dies.

I have to request that you will cause him to be furnished with the same in accordance with his requisition.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 5th 1876.

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed please find $3.25 for which I will thank you to transmit by mail to this Office, one silver proof set of the current year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq. — May 5th 1876.

Assayer in Charge
Boise City, Assay Office.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement, your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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Joseph Wharton, Esq. May 5th. 1876.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of yesterday has been received. The objection raised by me was not to the experimental test by the Mint as to the practicability of coining pure nickel, but to its having been made without the consent of the proper authority having been first obtained. It was no doubt done thoughtlessly by the Coiner.

Having received an explanation from the Mint as to the experiment, I have this day instructed the Superintendent to deliver the pieces to you, with the understanding that after the Centennial Exhibition closes you will return them to the Mint, to be placed and permanently retained in the Cabinet of that institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. S. White, Esq. May 5th. 1876.

Acting Asst. Treasurer U. S.
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th inst, transmitting a light weight dime of Learson Coinage.

The law does not provide that the Subsidiary coin should be pingly adjusted by hand, and the dime in question is no doubt an accidental piece, probably cut from too near the end of a rolled strip.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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S. H. Maston, Esq.
Cash'r Nevada Bank.

May 5th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit for your information a copy of a letter, together with its enclosures, received from the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, in relation to the fineness of two bars received from the Bank of Nevada, San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahony
1st Auditor.

May 5th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the First Quarter, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor
1st Comptroller
Treasury Dept.

May 6th 1876.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith, please find the amended Pay-Roll of M. V. Benzaquen, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans La, for the month of February 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

May 6th. 1876.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to the enclosed letter addressed by some person to the Hon. S. J. Randall, I have to request that you will inform me without delay whether the Chief Clerk, or any of the employés of your Mint are absent from their duties during working hours. If the Chief Clerk devotes any portion of the regular working hours of the Mint to his private business it is contrary to law and the regulations, and must cease at once.

I should like to have a certificate as to the attendance of the employés, in conformity with regulations, certified by the head of each of the operative departments, and your own certificate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

May 6th. 1876.

What will the wages in the Refinery be per month, running to full capacity.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

May 6th 1876.

Sir:

For the balance of the fiscal year we will be able to advance you only one and one half per cent on the amount of subsidiary silver coin to be executed at your Mint during that time. This advance with the balance of your regular appropriations undrawn must cover the expenses of every character to June 30th inclusive.

You are hereby instructed, should it be necessary to that end, to make such reduction of force or in the rate of compensation of the employés, or both, as may be required to bring your expenses within the available means.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Custodian Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

May 6th 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3d inst, I have to inform you, that the item in the appropriation bill to which you call my attention, refers to one Office only, that of Assayer and Melter combined.

In view of the very limited amount of business devolving upon the Charlotte Assay Office, it was not deemed necessary nor proper to provide for both an Assayer and a Melter.

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The same view and action was taken in reference to the Boise Office.

With respect to including your Assay Office in the list for issuing certificates on gold deposits, I suggest that you write to your Senator on that subject, the bill being now pending in the Senate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow — May 6th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of O. H. Lafrange Supt. of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, for the sum of twenty six thousand dollars ($26,000.) on account of the coinage of Silver for redemption of fractional currency during the current month, as provided in "An Act to provide for the resumption of specie payments", approved January 14th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Wm. Hackett — May 6th 1876.

Easton, Pa.

One thousand shipped today, letter by mail.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver.

May 6th. 1876.

Sir:

The following balances of the appropriations made for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year remain in the Treasury of the United States, after deducting the amounts called for in your Requisition approved this day, viz:

Salaries	1876	$1083.52
Wages of Workmen	"	1.223.–
Contingent Expenses	"	157.65

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, Mint
Denver, Col.

May 6th. 1876.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $2.453.20 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$886.20
Wages of Workmen	"	1.317.
Contingent Expenses	"	250.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, &c.
Denver, Col.

May 6th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st. inst, transmitting the ordinary Expense account of your institution for the month of April 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Chg Mint
Denver.

May 6th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st. inst, transmitting the regular Statements for the month of April 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge,
Mint, Denver.

May 6th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st. inst, transmitting Statement of gold and Silver Bullion received during the month of April, 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lafrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 6th. 1876

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th ult, containing an estimate of the cost of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin for the current month, and in consideration of the large proportion of Dimes heretofore made at your Mint, I have decided to approve your estimate, but for next month one and a half instead of two per cent will be advanced to cover the expenses of the manufacture of such coins.

After the receipt of this letter, and the completion of the coinage of unfinished Dimes on hand, you will confine the Subsidiary Coinage to half and quarter dollars. With this amount, and your undrawn balances, the expenses of every character to June 30, 1876, must be paid, and if necessary to that end, you will make such reduction of force, or rate of compensation, or both, as may be required.

I suppose that no refining will be done after the close of this month, and that operations generally will close for settlement by the 15th of June, and further, that all employés whose services are not actually required will be furloughed without pay.

I regret the making of these restrictions but they are necessary in view of the limited means available to meet the expenses already incurred and those which may be necessary for the

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balance of the fiscal year.

I take this occasion to say that it is not probable that the general appropriation bill will become a law until near the close of the fiscal year, and in order to avoid any delay arising therefrom, it is my purpose to be in San Francisco the latter part of June, when in connection with yourself, I will take the necessary action to insure the resumption of coinage operations the first week in July.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. E. Bonzano Esq. May 6th 1876.
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2d inst, transmitting the amended pay-roll of your institution for the month of February 1876, and have referred the same to the First Comptroller.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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M. E. Bonzano Esq. May 6th 1876.
Supt. &c. New Orleans.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst, transmitting the Ordinary Expense &c of your Institution for the month of April, 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 6th. 1876.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday enclosing an explanation by the Coiner in reference to striking the three cent pieces in pure nickel for Mr. Joseph Wharton.

The tenor of the Coiner's communication calls for reference to the 7th. Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, in which his powers are defined; anything done outside of this section must be under regulations prescribed by the proper authority.

The experiments and tests which he refers to as having been made in 1864, 1868 and 1869, were made under the authority of the Director of the Mint, which Officer was in those years the executive head of the Mints, with the power of general supervision and management.

What the Director of the Mint under the old law could properly authorize in the way of experiments with alloys for coinage, cannot under the Coinage Act of 1873 be done by any Officer of a Mint with the sanction of the Director. In this connection I have to remind you that my letter of March 28th. making inquiry as to certain experimental pieces made at the Mint and offered for sale by a coin dealer, has not been answered. The matter has no doubt, in the recent press of business escaped your attention.

Very respectfully,
H. P. Linderman. Director.

P.S. You will furnish the Coiner with a copy of so much of this letter as refers to his explanation. H.P.L.

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M. J. Bonzano Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

May 6th. 1876.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $1.805.85 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$298.–
Wages of Workmen	"	257.85
Contingent Expenses	"	1250.–

Very respectfully
H. R. Leinderman
Director.

M. J. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans

May 6th. 1876.

Sir:

The following balances of the appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year remain in the Treasury of the United States after deducting the amounts called for in your Requisition approved this day, viz:

Salaries	1876	$2.788.50
Wages of Workmen	"	249.60
Contingent Expenses	"	1.000.

Very respectfully
H. R. Leinderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 8th. 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to the Bill making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1877, I have the honor to submit for your consideration, and such action as you may deem proper, the following remarks and suggestions in reference to the various items relating to the Mints and Assay Offices:

The Mints and Assay Offices are manufacturing establishments, and an increase of business is necessarily attended with an increase of expenditures for labor, supplies of materials and repairs of machinery and apparatus. There has been a continuing increase of business for the last three years, chiefly under the coinage act, which went into effect April 1st 1873.

Under recent legislation, and the increasing production of the precious metals in this Country, the coinage for some time to come, will be larger than heretofore, and will tax the Mints to their utmost capacity.

For some years prior to the present fiscal year, the Coinage consisted chiefly of Double Eagles, Trade Dollars, and minor coins, which only required appropriations sufficient to maintain an effective organization of Experts, but this condition of affairs has materially changed, and we are now called upon to execute in addition to an increasing gold coinage a large amount of silver coins of small denominations. In

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coining Silver to the value of a single Double Eagle ($20.) we must strike 40 Half Dollars, 80 quarters, or 200 Dimes, and each of these pieces goes through precisely the same manipulations as the Double Eagle, except in the adjustment. The proportion in weight between gold and silver in the Coinage being about 15 to 1, we must handle and manipulate 15 times the weight in silver as of gold to obtain a like value.

I estimate the Coinage of Silver for the next fiscal year at about $25.000.000. including pay $3.000.000. Trade Dollars. The Bullion for this coinage of the weight of about 1.400.000. lbs or 700 tons, will have to be melted, alloyed, rolled, annealed, cut, milled and stamped, - and as the strips yield only about 50 per cent of planchets for stamping, and the balance is returned in the form of what is termed clippings, to the melting pots, there must necessarily be 1400 tons of metal worked and handled in the manner before described, to produce 700 tons of finished coin. It is therefore manifest that a change from a gold to a Silver Coinage must materially increase the consumption of copper for alloy, melting pots, fuel, acids, fluxes, and the expenses of labor.

The Mints and Assay Offices, are all conducted with the utmost economy, consistent with the prompt and proper execution of the Coinage. This Statement is made from knowledge acquired by frequent special examinations of the different Mints by the Director or experts under his instructions, and the rigid

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pertaining in the Office of the Director of all accounts and vouchers, covering the purchase and application of supplies, and the employment of workmen, before being transmitted to the Accounting Officers of the Treasury for adjustment. In order that there may be no room for reasonable doubt on this point, I have caused to be prepared from the Official Records, and hereby submit a statement showing the amount of Coinage executed and the expenses of the Mints for two periods. The first period embraces the three fiscal years ending June 30th. 1870-71-&72, the second, three years ending June 30th. 1873-74-75. Nine months of the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1876 are also embraced in the statement. It will be seen from this statement, that there has been a large increase of business, and but a comparatively moderate increase in expenses.

Before referring specifically to the appropriation for Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses at the different Mints, it is proper to state, that the several items under these heads respectively were determined by the Appropriation Committee of the House of Representatives, before the Bill directing the issue of Silver Coin became a law, and that it was afterwards conceded that those items would have to be increased.

Estimating the Subsidiary Silver Coinage during the next fiscal year at $22.000.000. and apportioning the same according to the capacity of the Coinage Mints, I am of the opinion that the following increase will be absolutely necessary to enable

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the required coinage to be executed, viz:

Philadelphia	increase Wages from	$200.000. to	$350.000.
"	" Incidentals "	35.000. "	125.000.
"	" freight on bullion & com. "	3.000. "	5.000.
San Francisco	increase Wages from	$225.000. to	$300.000.
"	" Incidentals "	75.000. "	100.000.
Carson	" Wages "	$40.000. "	$100.000.
"	" Incidentals "	25.000. "	35.000.
New York Assay Office	" Wages "	$20.000. "	$22.000.

The Coinage of gold at San Francisco it is expected will not be less than thirty-five millions. There will also be a large coinage of Trade Dollars at that point.

At the Philadelphia Mint there will be a largely increased coinage of Silver and Minor Coins. The striking of Medals will also be increased, whilst the greatly increased coinage at all the Mints will necessitate the manufacture at Philad. Mint of more Coinage Dies than in any previous year. The cost of copper for alloying Gold and Silver coins will be about $50.000.

The coining capacity of the Carson Mint being about one third of that of the San Francisco Mint, the estimated appropriations for the former have been made one third of those for the latter.

The capacity of the Philadelphia Mint for the execution of small coins, being perhaps a third greater than the San Francisco Mint, and the Coinage Dies, Minor coins and Medals, being made there, a larger appropriation than for the Mint at San Francisco, is necessary.

The Bill contains on page 40, the following provision viz: "And hereafter, the

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daily wages paid for services of each employé in this Mint shall not exceed in amount twenty-five per centum additional to the daily rate of wages, paid for similar services to employés in the Mint at Philadelphia.

This restriction may, if retained, cause the loss of the services of some of the most skilful and experienced workmen at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, and I respectfully suggest that it be stricken out, and the following provision inserted: "That the daily wages paid for services of each employé in the different Mints and Assay Offices, shall hereafter not exceed that paid on the average for similar services by private enterprise in the different localities."

It is proper to add, these estimates for San Francisco contemplate the reduction in the rate of compensation of Workmen, which will be necessary, if the provision in the Bill above referred to, is retained, and if not retained, such reductions as may after a further examination be found proper and practicable.

In connection with the subject it is proper to state, that an examination of the rate of compensation at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, compared with that in private enterprise, recently made by a competent Clerk of this Office, showed that the rates paid by the Mints, to be rather less than in private business, in the same localities. Mr. Eckfeldt, who was designated by the Director to examine this subject, has been connected with the Mint, in various capacities for several years. His report

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was as follows:

+ + + + + + . April 4th, 1876. –

Previous to leaving San Francisco, I personally visited the principal manufactories, machine works, foundries, mills and Assay Offices to ascertain the rates paid for ordinary and skilled labor on the Pacific Coast.

This was for the purpose of instituting comparison with the rates as paid to the Clerks and employés of the Mint. The following are the amounts in gold coin as furnished to me. The pay of Clerks and Book-keepers is varied according to the class of business, and individual ability, and ranges from $125 to $300 per month. In machine works and foundries, first class machinists, molders, and pattern makers receive from $4 to $5 per diem. In all the manufactories visited, skilled labor commands $5.00. Engineers receive from $125 to $200 per month, according to the nature and responsibility of their duties.

The Employés of the Pacific Refinery are paid from $3.00 to $8.00 per diem in gold coin.

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In further explanation I transmit a copy of a communication from this Office to the Chairman of the House Committee of Appropriations under date of April 11th.

The Coinage Act of 1873 which created the Mint Bureau, fixed the salary of the Director of the Mint at $4,500, and provided that the Secretary of the Treasury should appoint the numbers of Clerks classified according to law, necessary to discharge the duties of said Bureau.

The salaries allowed under the provision of law, $1800, being the maximum, were insufficient

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to procure Clerks possessing the necessary experience and special qualifications. A Computer of Bullion, and an Examiner at $2.200. each, were subsequently provided for by law, and the Bureau not having been included in the reorganization of the Treasury Dept. on the 1st. of July last, none of the salaries were increased. The pending Bill reduces the salary of the Director, which is already $500. less than the salaries of the Officers of the Treasury of corresponding grade, to $4.000., and that of Computer of Bullion and Examiner to $2000. each. Being the incumbent of the Office of Director, I will not discuss the propriety of the proposed reduction of the salary of that Officer, but it is my duty to urge that an organization be provided the Bureau, such as is actually necessary for its efficiency and largely increasing business, and that the compensation of its principal Clerks, be placed on an equality with those of other Bureaus of the Treasury. Under the old law, the Director was surrounded by experienced operative Officers, assistants, Clerks and Special Experts of whose services he could avail himself when required. Under the present law, the Director must rely on the aid of his Clerks in transacting the business appertaining to the general supervision of the Mints and Assay Offices, and other important duties which the law devolves upon him.

Under the former Law all the Bullion and other accounts of the Branch Mints and Assay Offices of the Treasurer of

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the Philadelphia Mint were sent direct to the Accounting Officer of the Treasury.

A careful consideration of the present and future business and requirements of this Office, shows the following organization to be necessary:

Examiner	$2400.
Assayer and Computer	2.400.
Bookkeeper and Accountant	2.000.
One Clerk of Class 2.	1.400.
One Translator	1200.
" Copyist	900.
" Messenger	840.
" Laborer	720.

If the salary of the Director be continued at $4.500. the amount required will be $16.360. an increase of only $100.00 over the amount appropriation by the bill.

A serious defect in the organization of this Office is that there are no facilities for testing the Coinage of the different Mints, or making any assay trials or experiments which are frequently called for in connection with bullion operations and without which the Director cannot exercise the necessary careful supervision of the standard fineness, and mechanical finish of the coins. These assays are constantly required to be made, and under existing regulations, the coin made at Philadelphia is tested in New York, that manufactured in San Francisco at Carson, and in Carson at San Francisco. This work should be done in the Office of the Director, and under his supervision. I therefore earnestly urge that an appropriation of $1.000. be made for

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fitting up and conducting an Assay laboratory in a room in the Treasury Building, to be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury for that purpose.

In connection with the Director's Office I would also state, that the appropriation for incidental expenses of $700.00 should be increased to $1200. This will be necessary as the traveling expenses of the Director and Examiner, in visiting and making examinations, and attending the annual settlements of the Mints and Assay Offices, are defrayed out of this appropriation.

Assay Office, Helena, Montana.

No provision is made for Wages of Workmen, or for incidental Expenses. This was probably an unintentional omission. An appropriation of $6.000. for Wages of Workmen and $4.000. for Incidental Expenses will be necessary.

Salaries of Officers and Clerks.

The proposed reduction of ten per cent in the Salaries of Officers and Clerks, at the several Mints and Assay Offices, in view of the fact, that as a general thing these salaries have always been less than in some other branches of the public service, and of the largely increased business and consequent additional labor, care, and responsibility which the same will devolve upon them, I earnestly hope will not be made.

Many of the Officers and Clerks have devoted the best years of their lives to this branch of the service, and at low rates of compensation. Under the old law there

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was a Treasurer of the Mint. The Coinage Act of 1873 abolished this Office, and devolved its duties and responsibilities upon the Superintendent, without any increase of that Officer's compensation.

The salary allowed the Operative Officers under the existing law is only $3000. All the Bullion deposited at the Mints passes through the hands of the numerous employés under their direction, and involves great care and responsibility. Moreover, for some time to come it will be necessary to run the Mints from twelve to fourteen hours per day, which will require the constant attendance of the Officers and their Assistants, and since they cannot, as in the case of Workmen, be allowed for overtime, any reduction of their very moderate salaries allowed them by existing laws will be a peculiar hardship. What I have stated in relation to the Operative Officers, applies with equal force to the principal Clerks, whose duties require for their proper discharge, special qualifications, which can only be acquired by many years of actual experience in Mint business.

A statement containing the amendments suggested is herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, Philad.a

May 8th. 1876.

Let the Design No. 4. be modified as follows:

Obverse. – Head of Liberty (No. 4) and the word "Liberty" inscribed thereon – year of coinage "1876". "In God we trust" immediately above the date.

Reverse. – Let wreath and "one dollar" stand as presented on the design (No. 4) omit the stars, and around the upper two thirds of the reverse place the inscription "United States of America" and around the lower third "E Pluribus Unum" in smaller letters than "United States of America."

Perhaps the Engraver can have a sketch showing these modifications ready by Thursday.

I think the motto "In God we trust" will appear best if artistically arranged immediately beneath the Head of Liberty, and above "1876." This will leave plenty of space for the Head of Liberty, and not mar the appearance of the obverse.

A proper arrangement of "United States of America" around the upper two thirds of the Reverse, and "E Pluribus Unum" around the lower third, will not show overdressing, which should by all means be avoided.

I think the idea of using "First Centennial of American Independence" on the regular issue had better be abandoned, and strike a specimen (No. 3) using the Regular Obverse for that purpose. As the piece could be struck on the large Press, you could readily strike any number required. I shall be glad to

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discuss the matter fully on Thursday.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dr. R. E. Rogers,
#1004 Walnut St. Phil.

May 8th 1876.

Dear Sir:

I shall be glad to see you at the Mint on Thursday, at such time between 10 a.m. and 3 P.M., as may suit your convenience.

Yours very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
F. W. Cremmer, Esq.
#710 Market St.
Phila.

J. T. L. Scherimer, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

May 8th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice of Messrs. J. H. Gautier & Co. for 200 black lead stirrers, shipped you on the 5th inst.

The ⅌ of Messrs. Gautier & Co. has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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N. K. Masten Esq.

May 8th. 1876.

Cashier Nevada Bank of
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 29th. ult., enclosing a copy of your letter to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, advising him of the shipment of 86,763.75 ozs. fine silver, and noted the request contained therein.

I have accordingly this day addressed a letter to Superintendent Pollock, requesting his compliance in "keeping separate the accounts of all "C" bullion".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

N. K. Masten, Esq.

May 8th. 1876.

Cash.r Nevada Bank,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 28th. ult. respecting payments for silver, sold and delivered to Philadelphia Mint. Your instructions as to the delivery of Registered Bonds, will receive careful attention.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr,

May 8th. 1876.

Gentlemen:

I would like to see your Mr. Orr at the Mint in your City on Thursday, say 1 o'clk.

Respectfully yours
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 8th. 1876.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 6th. inst, I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the transfer of $194.248.44 from the Bullion fund of your Office to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia - payable in 172,665.28 oz. standard silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

May 8th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of April 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 8th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th. inst, transmitting report of Special test Assay of April Coinage of the Mint at Philadelphia, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 8th, 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt by this morning's mail of a letter from the Cashier of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, under date of the 29th ult., advising me of the shipment on that day of 86,763.75 oz. fine silver to your Mint.

The Bank requests that this shipment of Bars which are stamped "C" together with all subsequent shipments bearing a like mark, be kept separate from the lots heretofore received, or which may be hereafter received, which bear no distinctive mark, and ask that they be furnished with separate statements of their assay, for the reason that they belong to different accounts.

I have therefore to request your compliance in keeping separate the accounts of all "C" Bullion.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 8th, 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst, enclosing one silver proof set of the coinage of 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 8th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philad.a

Sir:

I am advised that the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia is likely to need subsidiary silver coin during the week, I have therefore to suggest that you deposit with him to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. on account of Profit on Silver, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 8th 1876.
Supt. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst, transmitting Statement of Bullion operations in the Melter & Refiner's Dept., for the month of April, 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 8th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S. Philad.a

Sir:

I would like to hold a conference with you and the Operative Officers of the Mint on Thursday morning, May 11th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 8th. 1876.

Assort and ship Dimes as fast as practicable - Better confine your Subsidiary Coinage to half and quarter dollars balance of fiscal year.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 8th. 1876.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words, is hereby made official:

"Assort and ship dimes as fast as practicable - Better confine your subsidiary coinage to half and quarter dollars balance of fiscal year."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 8th. 1876.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of 28th. ult, I return herewith the voucher of J. Baire, for crucibles, amounting to $1.910.59.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange Esq. May 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds on account of the appropriation for Construction and Equipment of the Refinery in connection with your Mint, has been approved for the sum of $2000.- and referred to the Supervising Architect with the request that the amount asked for be allowed.

I desire that this shall be the last amount advanced you from this appropriation, and that as soon as the bills now outstanding referred to in your communication of the 12th ult, are settled, that you will close your Refinery Account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. J. H. Gautier & Co. May 8th 1876.
Black Lead Crucible Mfg Co.
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen;

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing Bill of Lading and Invoice in duplicate for 200 Stirrers (Black Lead) shipped to the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col. per Penna. R. R.

Your Cr for the same has been approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement. - In due course of time the Draft in payment thereof will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 8th. 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office New York to that of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia of one hundred and ninety four thousand two hundred and forty eight 44/100 dollars ($194.248.44), payable in 172.665.28 oz standard silver @ 1/8.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 8th. 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

As I expect to be absent from the city on official business for a few days from to-morrow, I have the honor to request that Mr. Frederick Eckfeldt, Computer of Bullion in this office, be designated by you to act as Director during my temporary absence, pursuant to Section 3502, p 698, Revised Statutes U. S.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Andrew Merry, Esq. May 8th. 1876.
#955 N. 3d. St. Phil:

Sir:

I am glad to learn that you think all difficulties in the way of manufacturing porcelain pots, have been overcome.

We shall be ready to consider the question of ordering a lot for the Mint at San Francisco when Dr. Rogers shall have made a favorable report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Commodore Edw. Middleton May 8. 1876.
U. S. Navy.

Sir:

I have received from the Mint at Philadelphia, one silver proof set of the coinage of 1876, which is subject to your order.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford Esq. May 9th. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.

Sir.

I am informed that the $100.000. in Subsidiary Silver coin, the transfer of which you were informed on the 4th. inst. had been requested is to be brought to Washington, I will thank you to see that nothing but well executed coins are sent.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 9th 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith an extract from a letter received from the Asst. Treasurer at New York.

A culpable degree of carelessness appears to have prevailed in the coinage, and in the counting and weighing of the silver coins, at your Mint.

I fear that the character of your Institution will suffer seriously from this inexcusable carelessness, and should it occur in the future there will be no remedy but in a change of Officers.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Jas. Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson. Nev.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

May 9th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading for five boxes Chemically Pure Nitric acid, shipped your Mint on the 25th ult. by Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons, Philadelphia, whose account for the same has been approved, and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for the coinage of silver for redemption of fractional currency.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

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E. N. Searle, Esq.

May 9th 1876.

North Platte, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst, in which you refer to a Mint Circular or list of coins with dates thereof and prices offered. If you have seen such a circular it is not genuine, no such document having been issued by me. I will be much obliged if you will procure and send me one of the circulars or lists you refer to. Neither the Mint nor its officers purchase coins.

I cannot give you the prices paid by coin dealers for the two pieces referred to in your letter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. Renan

May 9th 1876.

Director &c, Paris, France.

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in making acknowledgment of the receipt of your letter bearing date April 24th 1876, together with a copy of the Official Report of the monetary Conference held at Paris in January last.

I also accept with many thanks your kind offer to furnish me with such other documents as may be published by your Government, relating to monetary affairs.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 15. 1876.

Sir:

I have to request that you will communicate to the Assayer of your Institution, the instructions herein enclosed; these instructions will take effect immediately on and after receipt thereof.

I also transmit by mail 100 Blank Forms of report to be used in all cases of Assays of ore. An additional supply will be furnished when required.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt.
Actg Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

O. H. Lagrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.

May 15. 1876.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of Eight thousand dollars ($8000.) on account of the coinage of silver for the redemption of fractional currency during the current month.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Acting Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

May 10th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst, transmitting Statement of Bullion Operations in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. for the month of April 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 10th. 1876.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this Office, bearing date May 5th. 1876, transmitting a requisition from the Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco for quarter dollar dies, I enclose a copy of a telegram received today from the Supt. at San Francisco, and request that it be complied with as soon as may be convenient.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt.
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 10th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Martin V. Davis, Assistant in the General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt, Actg Director.

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A. Wolters, Esq.

May 10th. 1876.

Assayer in Charge &c.
Boise City. Idaho.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of instructions relative to the assay of ores.

These instructions will take effect immediately on and after receipt thereof, and attention is particularly called to the observance of Sec. 5, page 23, of the Instructions and Regulations 1874. I also transmit by mail 100 Blank Forms of report to be used in all cases of assays of ores. An additional supply will be furnished when required.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

A. Wolters Esq.

May 10th. 1876.

Assayer in Charge, &c.
Boise City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1876, has been approved for the sum of $618.50 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	— 1876	$412.—
Wages of Workmen	"	123.60
Contingent Expenses	"	82.40

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Acting Director

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A. Wolters, Esq.

May 15th 1876.

Assayer in Charge,
Boise Assay Office.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the current month has been approved for the sum of $639.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$426.
Wages of Workmen	"	127.80
Contingent Expenses	"	85.20

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 15th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of James Crawford, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada, for the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8000.) on account of the "Coinage of silver for the redemption of fractional currency" during the current month as provided in "an act to provide for the resumption of specie payments" approved January 14th 1875.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

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J. V. L. Scherimer, Esq.
Assayer in Chg. Mint
Denver.

May 9th 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of instructions relating to the assay of ores.

These instructions will take effect immediately on and after receipt thereof, and attention is particularly called to an observance of Sec. 5, p. 23 of the Instructions and Regulations 1874.

I also transmit by mail 100 blanks forms of report to be used in all cases of assays of ore; a further supply will be furnished when required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

May 10th 1876.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was received today from Mr. Crawford. "Please authorize me to purchase three hundred thousand ounces doré bullion."

Do you wish any action taken in the matter before your return?

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

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P. D. P. Pickett, Esq.
School of Mines, Columbia College
New York.

May 10th 1876.

Sir:

In the absence of the Director, and in response to your letter of the 8th inst, I take pleasure in transmitting a copy of Instructions and Regulations for the Mints and Assay Offices, on pp. 19 and 41, of which you will find the information you desire.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

J. D. L. Schermer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Denver Mint.

May 11th 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction Certificate of Gold Deposit and accompanying receipt #258, belonging to your Bullion Acct for the First Quarter 1876.

It is necessary that the signature by mark of Nicholas Oates on both the face of the Certificate and the back of the receipt should be witnessed.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 11th 1876.

When will balance on transfer of six hundred thousand to Washington be shipped.

Fred. Eckfeldt
Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 11th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In compliance with your verbal request, I have the honor to state that the value of Silver bullion and coin in the Coinage Mints, and Assay Office at New York, on the 14th of January 1875, was equivalent to $2,847,644.09 in subsidiary silver coin.

The Supt. of the Assay Office, New York, had on deposit at that date with the Asst. Treasurer U. S. $437,975.84 in silver coin.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 11th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting classified Statement of the business of your Office for the month of April, 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 11th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst, transmitting Statement of Melter & Refiner's Bullion Operations for the month of April 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

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Telegram. Acty

To the Nevada Bank of San Francisco.

May 11th 1876.

The Selby silver although very nearly fine always contains sulphur in the form of sulphide of silver and lead, which is not removed by ordinary melting and remelting, and shows itself in discolorations of the planchets, as well as in a want of due ductility, and consequent losses to Melter & Refiner & Coiner, which their legal allowance will not bear.

Send only silver parted by acid process.

Necessary time for delivery will be given.

(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

May 12th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Oaths of Office of the following employés of your Mint forwarded on the 5th inst. viz:

Saml. Young	Watchman,	General Dept.
Chas. A. Hofer	Helper -	Assayer's "
John Hansen	"	M & R's "
Patrick Lynch	"	"
J. B. Hammstead	Machinist	Coiner's "
M. G. McClinton	Helper	"

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Thos. L. Acton Esq.
Supt. Assay Office, N.Y.

May 12th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst, transmitting the current of the bullion fund of your Office, is received.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt, Actg Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 12th 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 4th inst. forwarding the Official Oath of Mr. Burke LaGrange Memorandum Clerk in the General Dept. of your Mint, I have to say that Sections #1756 and #1757 of the Revised Statutes, as well as the uniform practice of the Department, require that every person appointed to office under the Government of the United States shall before entering upon the duties of such office subscribe to an Official oath. The fact that Mr. LaGrange has on file in the Dept. an oath taken as an employé under the provisions of Section #3500 (R. S.) does not do away with the necessity of subscribing to an additional oath under the provisions of the Sections first mentioned, upon being appointed to a Salaried Office established by law.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 12th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 9th inst. relative to your requisition for quarter dollar dies, I have to inform you that the dies will be forwarded by express from Philadelphia on or about the 14th inst.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt. Actg Director.

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O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 12th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst; the enclosures therein mentioned of the "Coiner's Gold workings for March and April 1876, and silver workings for the month of March" through an inadvertence undoubtedly, did not accompany your letter of advice.

I have therefore to request that the same be forwarded at your early convenience.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

May 12th 1876.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Oath of Burke LaGrange as Memorandum Clerk in the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, bearing date of February, 17th 1876, is on file in this Office.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 12th 1876.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 11th inst, I send you by this day's mail a supply of Blank requisitions for funds, for the use of your institution.

Very respectfully Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 12th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $21.500.- from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$500.-
Wages of Workmen	"	20.000.-
Contingent Expenses	"	1.000.-

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 12th 1876.

Sir:

The following balances of the appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year remain in the Treasury of the U. S., after deducting the amounts called for in your requisition approved this day; viz:

Salaries	1876	$2,800.-
Wages of Workmen	"	20.000.-
Contingent Expenses	"	3.237.59

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.